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Father is called as son's assistant

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Overcoming Success

I WAS AWAKENED by the sound of the rain. It was a most welcome sound after three y of drought. I knelt beside my bed and quietly prayed, "God, we thank thee for the

For more than a week people had been saying, "What are we going to do if we get some rain soon?" People had been saying that sort of thing for generations. Dr and disaster are not new. We have had crop failures, dust bowls, migrations from dr areas. In such emergencies individuals and communities, states and nations have risen concern to meet the challenge. Help is mobilized. Sympathies are aroused. There outpouring of aid for the victims.

WE HAVE LEARNED how to face and overcome sudden disaster. A more vital questio today is, "What will we do if all goes well?"

Men in our generation have irrigated deserts, rebuilt bombed-out cities, restored astated areas. We know how to face tragedy. More important is the question, "Wh we do with success?"

—WALTER COW

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Ordass is allowed out of Hungary

For Lajos Ordass the world had turned right-side-up since this time last year. The sad-faced bishop of the Lutheran Church of Hungary spent 20 months in a Red jail beginning in 1948. Later he lived in a quiet corner of Budapest, deposed from his church office. But last month, by permission of the Hungarian government, he made a trip to Austria to share in planning for the Lutheran World Federation assembly in Minneapolis.

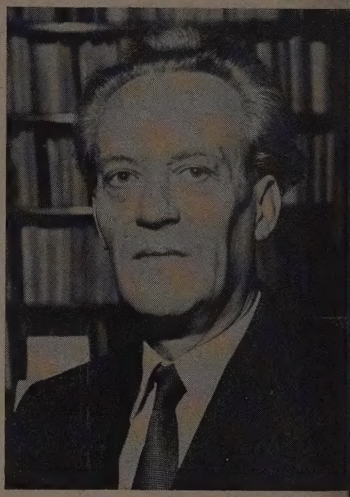
Bishop Ordass, restored to his office last October just before the Hungarian revolt, is scheduled to speak in Minneapolis on Aug. 15.

In Salzerbad, near Vienna, he met with Lutheran leaders on May 20. Pastors from Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary conferred on plans for their journey to America. "We are very grateful for now having opportunity to re-establish contacts with our fellow-Christians for whom we have been praying in these years, and who have prayed for us," said Bishop Ordass.

Hungarian church situation is good

In Hungary the Lutheran church is "now free to arrange courses and conferences for lay people, both men and women, and for youth," Bishop Ordass said. Thirteen conferences are planned this summer.

Instruction of confirmands may be given since restrictions on religious instruction of the youth have been removed, the bishop reported. He said registration for these classes is increasing. Religious instruction is permitted in public schools for those who express the desire to take part. "There were some difficulties, but we have been promised that they will be removed for the next school term."



BISHOP LAJOS ORDASS
Gaunt and furrowed face

The bishop said church attendance "considerably increased," and that yo people are taking part in "the whole theran church life."

Hungarians against H-bomb tests

"Peace" has been a propaganda v in Red countries. The propaganda sists in endlessly repeating that the S Union wants peace while the western tions do not.

This spring under the new Hung government the churches set up of "Peace Committees" within the fr work of the government-sponsored tional Peace Council. Roman Cath Reformed, and Lutheran churches na committees.

Roman Catholic bishops publish statement to be read in churches on

on Day expressing "deep anxiety" continued H-bomb tests. They de- d the failure of governments to reach ment outlawing nuclear weapons.

e Lutheran bishops, Lajos Ordass Zoltan Turoczy, reported that a meet- ad been held to discuss co-operation e church "in a way harmonious with ission, in the efforts to preserve ." The bishops appealed to govern- s to settle their differences through iation, to stop experimenting with ons of mass destruction, and to dis- They said that preaching the Chris- essage is the first task of the church, hat peace with God is the soundest of world peace.

m Austria in late May Bishop s went to Denmark for conference -operation of European churches on side of the Iron Curtain. Lutheran ishops of Estonia and Latvia, Jaan and Gustavs Turs, were present, ll as Bishop Zigmund Michelis of d. Dr. Josef Hromadka of Czecho- ia was also there. The Lutheran hes of Denmark, Norway, and Swe- efused to send official delegates be- they suspected the meeting of propaganda overtones.

s protest H-bomb

Albert Schweitzer and Pope Pius ere among churchmen who have d against testing H-bombs. Lord ell, a British scientist, said the as been deluded by the Communist ine. The Vatican newspaper, *Osser- Romano,* replied that the Pope in- to give further warnings against on danger resulting from nuclear n tests.

herans of Germany spoke up on bs in late May, saying at their meeting that "fear is spreading like onous mist." They declared that "Christianity should, in the face of lethal danger, jointly ask God to sharpen consciences and show the way."

Dr. Helmuth Thielicke, German theologian in an address in Hamburg, said there is a "vicious circle of compulsion" making man a mere tool in the hands of technical progress. He said that in the atomic age there can be no such thing as a "just war," even a war of defense.

The Church of Scotland at its general assembly urged that the United States and the Soviet Union seek agreement on limiting nuclear weapons. Dr. A. Neville Davidson said there are two choices: "either a war of measureless horror and desolation or a deliberate renunciation of the further production of and experimenting with such weapons."

Carthage College plan approved

Lutherans guessed wrong in 1869 when they decided to locate a college at Carthage in western Illinois. Since then the Chicago area has increased 1000 per cent in population while Carthage is still a small community with 375,000 people (and 12 ULC congregations) within a 50-mile radius.

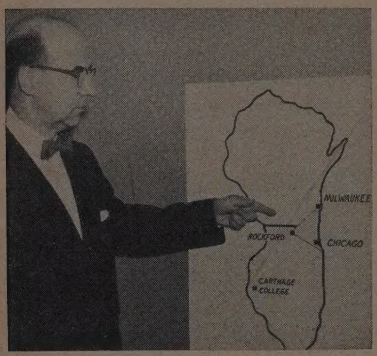
Two years ago the four United Lutheran synods which support Carthage agreed to relocate the college and sell the present buildings. It proved impossible to raise funds for the big down payment this plan involved.

At conventions last month the four synods endorsed a more modest plan. Carthage will keep its present location but add a second campus—probably in southwest Wisconsin. It won't be necessary to provide a four-year program of instruction at the new location at the beginning. Administrative expenses can be kept down through the connection with the existing school.

The synods voted this spring to cam-

paign for $2 million in 1958 (Northwest Synod, $1 million; Illinois Synod, $820,000; Wartburg, $100,000; Iowa undetermined). The community where the second campus is located will be expected to provide an additional $1 million or more. Construction of new buildings will begin within two years, surmises Carthage's president, Dr. Harold H. Lentz.

Stronger financial support and larger enrollment are expected through locating the new campus where Lutherans are plentiful.



DR. LENTZ POINTS OUT NEW SITE
Somewhere in this triangle

Roman Catholics win on bus bill

Roughest political battle in Connecticut this year was on whether to permit free bus transportation for 70,000 Roman Catholic parochial school pupils. The bill got through the state legislature by a 133-133 vote, with the presiding officer casting the deciding ballot in favor of free rides.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy went all out for the bill. In a statement read at all masses in the state on the Sunday before the legislature voted, Catholics were asked to "carefully observe the action taken, especially that of your local representative." Opposition to the bus bill, the official archdiocesan paper, *Transcript* (Hartford) threatened, w be "corrected at the polls."

The bill does not require the s 169 communities to provide public t portation to nonpublic schools, but them the option of making their ow cision. Some communities now giv service, but were not clear on their right to do it.

Protestants like Hildy Ellis decision

Not many six-year-old girls have their picture in so many newspaper magazines as Hildy Ellis. She has be the news ever since her Roman Ca mother tried to take her away fro Jewish foster-parents to whom the was given when 10 days old.

The case was closed last month the governor of Florida refused to over the foster parents to police Massachusetts. They were accus kidnaping Hildy when they fled to ida because a Massachusetts court that the child must be placed in a phanage until adopted by Roman olics.

The Methodist bishop of Boston Wesley Lord, praised the decisi Florida's Governor LeRoy Collins. great and good God of all of us, Bishop Lord, "grants to every chi the right to be wanted, and, 2) th to be loved. Hildy's mother denie of those rights to her. It was the through whom God has assured to these rights as one of His children."

The Massachusetts Council of Ch had urged Governor Collins to b decision on Hildy's welfare. The cil's president, Dr. Albert Buckne said the governor considered "the values in this case."

England has religious tension

"There is a lot of hostility to the C

ngland, led, I am sorry to say, by Roman Catholics in this country," unced England's archbishop of Can- ry, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher. "The Ro- Catholic Church is waging an open against the Church of England," he

itation is due to a vigorous Roman olic effort to convert Anglicans. e has been a national advertising paign in newspapers. The Roman olic bishop of Bristol, Dr. Joseph E. lerham, said "our aim is the conver- of every single man, woman, and in this country."

ficial church statistics claim 2,398,- British as members of the Roman olic Church. The church claims to nverting 14,000 a year.

tful about radio, TV

urches should not count too much sults they get by use of radio and sion, said the Rev. Everett C. er—one of the church's radio-TV ts. He is director of the office of nunications of the Congregational tian Churches.

ass communication media do not let e "test and argue and reach a judg- through democratic person-to-per- nvolvement," said Mr. Parker. "They und members of their audience with -made intellectual goods, just as they ith ready-made food and cigarettes oap."

. Parker said churchmen who use ass media are "in danger of manip- g people."

survey in the Los Angeles area re- d that there are 353 religious broad- by radio and 29 by television each There are too many, said Dr. Clif- . Moore of the Los Angeles Church ation, and they pull small audi-

Churchmen support foreign aid policy

A dozen prominent churchmen went to Washington to speak for President Eisenhower's foreign aid program as Congress was getting ready to vote on it. Among the dozen were leaders of eight denominations. Dr. Paul C. Empie of the National Lutheran Council was one of those scheduled for a hearing before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The barrage was a last-hour effort on the part of the churches "to express Christian concern for a U.S. foreign aid policy that will contribute to peace with justice," said Dr. Kenneth L. Maxwell of the National Council of Churches.

Through the closing days of May the White House made public a series of statements from Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish leaders who endorsed the president's plan for long-range economic assistance to foreign nations. The plan is "in keeping with the continuing concerns of our churches," said Dr. Eugene Blake, chief official of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Publication of the statements was highly unusual, and reflected White House desire to use all its resources to influence congressional action.

Dutch question religion clause

Public religious processions are banned by Holland's constitution except in areas where they had been held prior to 1848—the southern provinces where there is a large Roman Catholic population. Last month this ban led to sharp criticism by a Roman Catholic People's Party member of parliament of a friendship, commerce and navigation treaty between the U.S. and the Netherlands.

According to the treaty "both parties are allowed to hold private and public religious rites in each other's territory." P. A. Blaisse said this might lead to a

"queer situation" by allowing Americans to conduct religious parades in Holland, while the Dutch were barred from similar activities. Presumably Dutchmen who wanted to have a religious parade would be required to go to the U.S. for it, he said.

Despite the constitutional question, the Catholic member agreed to ratification of the treaty as favored by a large majority in parliament. Further discussion was postponed at the request of State Secretary for Foreign Affairs E. H. Vanderbuegel.

Ideal minister

Qualities necessary for a successful pastor, said Dr. Clifford E. Davis, are "emotional stability, the faculty of adapting oneself to new situations, and ability to get along with all types of people." Scholarship or unusually high intelligence aren't essential, he said.

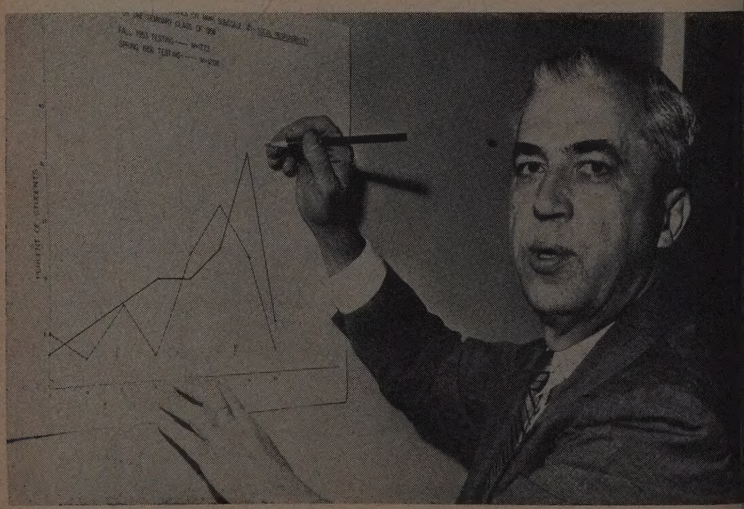
Dr. Davis based his report on 15,000 tests given to young men. One esse which he charted on a graph (*see ph* is "social responsibility." Dr. Dav vocational counselor for the Presbyt (U.S.A.) Board of Christian Educa

There was a question, though, a whether Presbyterians would rely scientific testing in choosing their isters. Howard Hamilton reporte their general assembly in Omaha month that as manager of the chu ministerial relations department he pl 675 ministers in churches last yea matching up biographical sketches i files with specifications sent in by gregations.

It's all done by correspondence, Mr. Hamilton. At present he has o requests from 784 churches see ministers.

Spanish priests get new code

Roman Catholic priests in Spain always wear their black cassocks



DR. DAVIS AND HIS CHART
"Social responsibility" is important

y ride motorcycles, according to a new le of behavior issued by Cardinal Pla Daniel. They may, however, substitute sh helmets for the usual biretta.

The new code noted that "among ests, particularly those equipped with sser degree of education and who lead ss austere life, a certain spirit of nov- is daily assuming increasingly serious portions."

Priests are to wear cassocks at all times. ey may not attend bullfights or public ces, smoke in public, or ride motor- les except when on pastoral duties. priest must never take a woman riding the pillion seat of his motorcycle, the le emphasized.

Because of a shortage of priests in al areas, some are serving several par- s. In order to get around to their rches, the use of motorcycles has reased greatly.

off bounds for missionaries

Foreign missionaries from the United tes will be permitted to make pur- ses at government post exchanges rseas if a bill introduced into Congress Rep. Philip Philbin of Massachusetts omes law.

Last month National Council of urches' officials advised a Congres- nal committee that passage of the asure might lead to serious misunder- nding about the real nature of mis- nary work. By linking the interests of sionaries with the U.S. military forces by enabling missionaries to purchase uries not available to the people they ved, the measure "would not be in the rest of advancing the Christian mis- n," the NCC statement said.

d so forth

A parsonage is not a "sacred building," Florida Supreme Court ruled. It re- ed a circuit court ruling which denied a liquor license to a place of business within 500 feet of a parsonage.

Certain sects like Jehovah's Witnesses will be restricted in the new African state of Ghana despite its constitutional guarantee of religious freedom, Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah announced.

A Roman Catholic priest in New Castle, Pennsylvania, turned down an invitation to deliver a baccalaureate sermon to the Union Township High School graduating class. The Rev. Francis M. McCarter told the school board that state law "forbids the use of public school buildings for religious services." Diocesan officials had forbidden priests or Roman Catholic students to participate in such services.

Sale of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible has now exceeded 5 million copies, Dr. Luther A. Weigle said, and an additional 3.5 million copies of the New Testament are in use. Dr. Weigle headed the committee which produced the translation.

Part-time evangelists of the Jehovah's Witness sect may not be classified as ministers of religion for purposes of draft exemption, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled. It turned down an appeal from a sect member who had been sentenced to a year's jail term for violating the Selective Service Act.

Religious construction work in 1957 will set a record of more than $900 million, Washington reports predicted. There may be less actual building, but costs will be higher.

Newly ordained priests of New York's Roman Catholic Archdiocese will take a 12-week training course at the Catholic University at Ponce, Puerto Rico, to equip them for pastoral work among the 500,000 Puerto Ricans who have settled in New York since 1947.

Canadian Affairs

Canada Culture Council

SIX YEARS after the Massey Commission on Arts, Letters, and Sciences recommended the establishment of a Canada Council to advance the culture of the nation, the government has put through the necessary legislation. A 21-member council of distinguished citizens has been named, along with a full-time director and an associate.

The council will have broad general powers "for the encouragement of the arts, humanities, and social sciences." Included in its field will be drama, music, literature, painting, sculpture, and the like. Not included are films and broadcasting.

An initial grant of $100 million has been put at the council's disposal. Half of this will be invested, with the income going to various cultural pursuits. The council will co-operate with organizations having objects similar to its own.

Grants and scholarships will be made for study at home or abroad. Awards will be given for outstanding achievements in various fields. The exhibition, performance or publication of new works will be sponsored, both in Canada and abroad.

THE OTHER HALF of the initial grant will be set aside as a fund from which to make capital grants to university building projects or equipment. In keeping with the emphasis on "culture" the gifts will go to liberal arts and other such schools, but not to those devoted to engineering and applied science.

Most members of the House of Commons commended the introduction of the council—the chief complaint being about the long delay. One member, however, characterized it as a "frill" and ur that the money could be better used improve social security by increasing age pensions.

"This council just gives a bunch of e heads the authority to impose their id of culture on the Canadian people," said. "You cannot buy culture. You c not substitute a canned culture for real stuff that develops spontaneously of the experience of the people, th hopes and the memories that come fr their own hearts."

WHEN THE membership of the cou was announced, the *United Church server* published a sharp editorial criti ing some of the appointments, especi those of "Canada's top brewer and C ada's top distiller" and wondering "w claim to culture" they possessed.

The editorial also pointed out t there was no one representing rural C ada, and asked, "Has rural Canada culture? Has it no need of culture? there no distinguished representatives the farm worthy of appointment?"

Also noted was the absence of any representing labor. In recent years la has become a great force in Canada, labor's attitudes can do much to mold cultural life of the nation.

The editorial noted that "a very tinguished and cultured Roman Cath clergyman has been named vice ch man. We think it is a good thing that Roman Catholic Church is so well re sented. We are not going to comp that a suitable Protestant clergyman not found."

Taking a final shot at the "unquali millionaires" on the council, the edito concluded: "We knew that money tal in Canada as elsewhere; we didn't kn it talked with such a cultured accent."

—NORMAN BERNE

his Woman Lets Other People Talk

aconess working in poverty-icken area of Philadelphia lets ks tell her about their troubles. was at a Christmas service when ter Betty was a high school phomore, that the idea of being deaconess first occurred to her

GRACE HARTMAN GEIGER

THE PIANO PLAYER was thumping out ively tune, and a few couples were ncing. But most were settling at gaily orated tables where the refreshments re ready.

You could see this was a lot of fun. thing strange about that, except that rybody in the room was over sixty. erybody, that is, but Sister Betty. And gets along fine with folks over sixty— under six, or anywhere in between. at's her job, as executive director of Lutheran Social Mission Society of ladelphia.

But one old woman sitting alone didn't m to be having fun. Sister Betty tted her, went over to sit with her. ow are you, Mrs. Johnson?"

"Not so good," was the reply. It wasn't lth that really bothered Mrs. Johnson. 's the way I have to live," she went on. n with my son and daughter-in-law. et along with him all right, but not h her."

"Let's talk about it," Sister Betty pro-sed. "And let's have some tea." Mrs. nnson brightened up under the personal ention.

"I do like to come here," she confided, turing around the room in the Lutheran Settlement House where the Golden Age Club meets every week. "I'm glad there's one place where I feel that I'm wanted."

"THAT'S WHAT poverty does to people," Sister Betty told me later. Sister Betty Amstutz sees poverty around her most of the time. Besides the Settlement House on Frankford Avenue, she administers the Haverford Center in West Philadelphia, and Camp Whitmer for underprivileged children.

If it weren't for the doings at Settlement House, Mrs. Johnson and other oldsters might grow desperate. Like Mr.

Golden Agers at Settlement House Have a Place to Feel at Home

Thomas. Sister Betty recalled that he, too, was living with in-laws. He wasn't getting enough to eat, and once he told her: "Everyone should die when they are 60. It's a terrible feeling to have to live when you're not wanted."

"But *we* want you," she assured him. That made the difference. These days Mr. Thomas isn't so gloomy. Through Settlement intervention his treatment at home has improved. Club activities have chased his loneliness. And Sister Betty is there to listen when he has to talk to somebody about his problems.

"THESE AGED FOLKS have a feeling of insecurity—some live practically from hand to mouth," Sister Betty explained. "They are dependent, and have to live with their families who often don't want them. They can't get medical care wit out standing in lines at hospital clinic

This is where the Settlement steps Its workers give personal attention to dividual and family problems. They he through contacts with public agenci Drab lives are brightened through soc activities like the Golden Age meetin There are programs for small childr teenagers, and parents.

Tall, blonde Sister Betty, with a lo pleasant voice and a warm smile, brin to her job a broad understanding of needs of people in trouble. Planned p grams—clubs, classes, athletics and like, aren't enough, she will tell you.

A MOTHER came to the Haverford Ce ter to talk about her child who was em tionally disturbed. The mother could

with the problem. The center's di-
or arranged for psychiatric treatment
hospital.

ometimes problems are discovered ac-
ntally. A family needed coal, Sister
y recalled, and the mother came to
Settlement House for help.

With her was her son, who seemed
ave something wrong with his arm,"
said. "The mother had neglected it
use she did not know where to go,
had no money for a doctor. Ques-
ng brought out the fact that the boy's
was broken, and he himself was
id to go to anyone to have it set.

Our worker helped the mother send
oy to a hospital, where an operation
performed—and just in time. Now
out of the hospital and on the mend,
back in the Settlement activities."

STER BETTY told of a woman living
e in a house without heat. The land-
had sold the house and moved out.
woman wanted to get into a federal
ing project, where special rates are
times available for older folks with
income. Here again the Settlement
er was able to help, through contacts
the Public Housing Authority.

owever people are helped, Sister
tries to let them make their own
ions about things they want to do.
metimes it is hard to see people make
ions wherein they get hurt. But
times too it is a way of learning.
try to help them see the right way."
ter Betty took up her duties with
Social Mission Society on Jan. 1,
. Being an executive director was a
or which she was thoroughly quali-
oy years of study and experience.

OW DOES ONE become a deaconess?
Betty Amstutz, it began when she was
h school sophomore in Fort Wayne,
na. It was at a Christmas service in
St. Luke's Church that the thought first came to her. She had the feeling, that day, that she should dedicate her life to her Lord.

Church had always been important in her life. Her parents were active in church and Sunday school, and it was natural that she should give thought to the possibility of religious service. Although she sometimes wavered in the months that followed, she kept coming back to the idea of service in the church.

What clinched it, about a year later, was a Luther League rally. The speaker was a deaconess, who said: "I feel that there is someone in this room who will become a deaconess." Betty Amstutz felt that she was that someone. She began making definite plans.

The war interfered. After high school, Betty went into a factory to do war work. It was a busy time—10 hours a day, seven days a week, with scant opportunity for recreation. It wasn't until 1944 that she could enter Wittenberg College. She was there two years, then spent two years at the Deaconess Motherhouse at Baltimore. Another year of college and some post-graduate work added up finally in 1949 to a B.S. in Religious Education (the first awarded by Wittenberg), and in 1952 a master's degree in Social Service from Bryn Mawr.

Time between studies found her gaining new experiences with people and their problems through summer service in institutions, and neighborhood service in Saginaw, Michigan, and the Settlement in Philadelphia.

"BECOMING a deaconess could have led to many parts of the world and into various types of service," Sister Betty said. "But I have found my place in Philadelphia. The communities served by the Lutheran Social Mission Society are in in-

dustrial and crowded residence neighborhoods.

"During my studies and on-the-job training I learned about the needs of people. These are the needs each of us has for mental and emotional security, being accepted by others, faith in God and the opportunity to learn new things.

"Book knowledge isn't enough. What better way could there be to find the answer for the problems of today than through God's will for my life? For some of the boys and girls and adults who come to us, it is their first experience with anyone who really cares about them."

"Teenagers need guidance," Sister Betty said. "They want someone who is willing to spend time with them, willing just to listen to them talk. The families of many of them are not able to cope with their problems. The parents, too, look to us for guidance. Sometimes it's easier to talk to a social worker than to members of one's own family.

"People put their trust in you. When people talk to me they know their problems will not be an open record."

In neighborhoods where the Social Mission Society operates there are often sharp contrasts. Some families, Sister Betty explained, are able, in spite of low income, to live decently and comfortably. But some can't seem to get very far.

"Improvement of homes in such a community is limited," she said. "While some try to better themselves and move to other neighborhoods, others just let their homes get worse. Most of the improvement in the vicinity of the Settlement in the past few years has been through industry. But there is talk of a new public housing project.

"There are tremendous possibilities in some of these areas for helping people learn about needs in their own commu-

Youngsters Play Store

nity. But we don't have staff enoug do the job in most cases."

Sister Betty serves as treasure the Philadelphia Association of S ments and as chairman of the dev ment committee of this group. Last she taught three classes in group at the Philadelphia Deaconess Sc She served also as a member of th ecutive committee of the Lutheran fare Conference in America.

In between program planning, work, and personal counseling, Betty finds time for another duty— ing people of the Philadelphia area of the Social Mission Society work. ings with various committees, pla and preparing publicity, planning fo annual fund drive, and speaking en ments at churches and clubs—all add up to a busy life.

VE MAKE A FAMILY———

Long Expected Moment

THE ROOM where the confirmands were ing overflowed with teen-age excite- nt. The boys were "horsing around." girls were racing back and forth to ladies' room to comb their hair for umpteenth time.

n spite of the explicit instructions in letter to parents, many girls had cor- es. The altar guild was wrapping them he waxed paper we use for sending r flowers to sick and shut-ins and ling each corsage so that there would o confusion later.

loise Clinefoos paused beside me. e if you can get Cloe to tone down lipstick," she whispered. "She looks a chorus girl."

SMILED as I stuck the corsage pin ugh the label on Cloe's flowers. No- y else would realize as well as I did t a change had come over Eloise. A months ago, she'd have marched up he girl and simply ordered her to re- e the offending art work.

walked over to the chattering group re Cloe was. "Here are your flowers, . I'll put them right in this window where you can get them later. And he way," I looked the group over, onder whether you realize how much nter the light in the church will be it is here. Mind if I make like a her and ask you to take off most of lipstick? Here's a batch of fresh es. There! You all look sweet. For- your appearance now. Neither God the members of the congregation will about that."

Probably I had sounded preachy, but it couldn't be helped. I slipped away before I could be tempted to say anything more.

Dan, with Pete and Susie, had found a seat directly back of the pews reserved for the class. As they made room for me, Pete whispered, "Are they all ready? Will they be coming soon?"

I SMILED and bowed my head in prayer. When the words were said, I remained silent, feeling God's presence all about us. This was it—the first of our children whom we had brought to the church for baptism was about to accept for herself the gift of the Holy Spirit who comes to us here. She was about to accept the privilege and the responsibility of being an "adult" Christian.

My eyes turned to the cross with its constant reminder of Christ's death and resurrection, then to the baptismal font. It was not at this one but at one very like it that we had presented our children for baptism. They had received from the church, Christ's "holy Christian people," the new birth in his name, and Dan and I had promised to bring them up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord."

The words had seemed rather vague and churchified to me then. What a lot of living it has taken to help me understand them. But the directive was clear in some ways—"teach the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer"—"place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and bring them to the services

of God's house." These were unmistakable. We have tried to carry out these instructions as faithfully as we could, but we knew our lives would have to serve as examples of the things we wanted our children to learn.

I guess it is because Dan and I are Christians that we have done better, even from Karen's baby days, than we knew how to do. Knowing our own sinfulness and the unfailing love and forgiveness of God through Christ, how could we help loving and forgiving our child when she needed it? She learned these things from us without our knowing that these are part of Christian nurture.

And recognizing our own responsibility to live a life pleasing to One who has done so much for us, we let her take her own place with us in that sort of life. We gave her guidance when she needed it. Sometimes punishment when it seemed called for. And because we thought of her as God's child as well as our own, we gave her freedom to grow in her own way wherever possible.

I REMEMBERED how naturally she learned to say simple prayers and how eagerly she heard stories of Jesus. Oh, she wasn't a perfect child, any more than Dan and I are perfect adults. She went through her periods of selfishness and pouting. Her first "fibs" and taking what didn't belong to her worried us, as they worry all parents. But we tried to meet them with understanding and love and forgiveness, even when we had to reenforce our warnings with action. And almost always we were conscious that we were not alone in our efforts to carry out our duties.

She went through a bad time when Pete came along. We hadn't realized how jealous she would be. For a time she did every naughty thing she could think of. We were nearly at our wits' end. Inde we actually were there. Then we wo pray for guidance and try to be lov and firm at the same time. Any par knows what an almost impossible co bination that is when a child is behav badly! And somehow the crisis wo pass, we wouldn't be sure just how.

THOSE FIRST DAYS in the Sunday chu school when she grabbed things fr other children and wouldn't let teacher come near her! What a nig mare! How happy I'd have been i could have looked ahead to the Kare just saw downstairs!

We rose for the processional an tried to look for Karen in the class lowing the choir. I didn't want to ga but I couldn't remember whether would be sitting on this side of the chu or the other.

Then I saw her and a great rush love for her and gratitude to God sw over me. How sweet and solemn looked. The craziness and stagefright whole class had been showing earlier disappeared. They seemed to know importance of the moment. Dan sm at me and squeezed my hand. I k we were feeling alike as we have so o as we've watched her grow.

THERE'S A LOT of "growth in gr ahead of her. She is still going to us and the adults of the church. But f here on it is more obviously a co-op tive venture—our lives rooted in church and its means of grace the s springs of those lives.

I knew the words the pastor would as he laid his hands in blessing on Ka head. "The Father in heaven, for J sake, renew and increase in thee the of the Holy Ghost —." This was an portant moment for all the Melton fa

in Is Serious

is because Paul is keenly conscious the dangers of man's disobedience of od that he is so thrilled by salvation

JOHN SCHMIDT

ad Ephesians 2:1-7

THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS emphasizes strongly the unity of the church, and studies the underlying basis of this unity. For this reason the study of this epistle is particularly timely in 1957 when Lutherans of the world will meet Aug. 15-25 in Minneapolis to study the theme: "Christ Frees and Unites." They will give much thought to the factors determining the unity of the church.

THE SAME "working of God's great ght" that Paul glorifies in the closing ses of Chapter 1, where he describes powerful results in the resurrection l glorification of Jesus, continues to his theme here. But now this same wer is seen demonstrated in "his body," church. Like its head, it also has n raised from death to life. As its rd is the resurrected Jesus, it is com- ed of those "made alive" from the th of trespasses and sins.

Paul's style is so overwhelmed by the atness of God's action that the verb ade alive" in verse 1 of our RSV had e borrowed from verse 5 of the Greek! ter is not merely a historical fact, one of eternal and therefore con- porary value. The power and the qual- of the resurrection life belong to istians *now*.

PAUL'S THOUGHT is not difficult to fol- , even though his style is distracted emotion. It seems as though a word gested a new thought, which had to ollowed out, before the basic sentence completed. Then in verse 5 it be- es necessary to repeat his beginning rder to avoid misunderstanding.

Here, as elsewhere, Paul thinks of sin most serious terms. This prideful re- ion against God's authority underlies perverse and immoral conduct. Not only, insists Paul, is such defiance of the Creator certain to end in destruction. It is already a living death. He who exists in isolation from the living God is not truly alive.

Moderns find it hard to take sin as seriously as the Scriptures. That is why the gospel of deliverance seldom strikes us as startlingly good news. Only when, as in our pre-communion liturgy, we know ourselves to be helpless victims of our own choice ("from which we can in no wise set ourselves free"), can we rejoice wholeheartedly in the fact that "our Lord Jesus Christ . . . for us and for our deliverance suffered death and all that we, by our sins, have deserved."

"WALKING" in sin suggests that this rebellion is the normal condition of man's life, so long as he lives in accord with the spirit of this age. This sin, that is at once man's decision and his master is itself a spiritual power, "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work." God's action in Jesus is seen in terms of a warfare between two spiritual beings (Hebrews 2:4). Jesus calls this adversary "the ruler of this world" (John 16:11).

Christians now indeed enjoy their new life, but they dare not forget that they were "all" once in the same morass of evil with these "sons of disobedience."

Paul has no illusions concerning man. The Gentiles had no monopoly on evil. Jews and Greeks share in their spiritual rebellion and immoral conduct (compare Romans 2:22-23).

Their lives ("conversation" is the 17th-century word used in the older translation) were ruled by the unstable and uncontrolled desires of the "flesh." As elsewhere in Paul's thought this word may not be misunderstood as applying only to the physical side of life and to the bodily appetites, but rather to the whole of the nature we inherit from Adam. Man's mind and spirit are as much stained and disordered by sin as is his body (4:18). All men are, by themselves, not children of God but "children of wrath."

THIS HEBREW idiom means "worthy of wrath." Whose wrath? The Bible answer is clear—"God's wrath."

But dare we associate such an attitude with God? Is that not in opposition to his love, which is the central fact of his nature? God is wrathful because he loves.

He who does not know sin to be such a universal and deadly fact, as Paul here describes it, can never appreciate or even understand the wonder of Jesus' saving work. Why get excited about the offer of a physician when you think there is nothing wrong, except perhaps a slight sniffle? But if Paul is right about the diagnosis, then . . .

THEN THE next act of the divine drama becomes significant indeed: "God . . . made us alive together with Christ." After a brief, though important detour, Paul is back on the main track. The church is the society of the resurrected. Through the gateway of repentance and faith they have come from sin to forgiveness, from death to life. This is what God had done for them, the same God who had raised from the dead his Son, the Lord Jesus. Faith in his resurrection was therefore part and parcel of their total faith and trust in God's good news.

One can speak of this God and of saving works only in intensive terms. "*rich* in mercy," "*great* love," "*immeasurable* riches of his grace." Ordinary language is not nearly strong enough.

GOD'S LIVING act was not called for by any goodness or achievement in us. "We were dead," Paul repeats. The sole basis for God's action is in himself, in his mercy, love and grace. This is reinforced by a parenthesis: "by grace you have been saved," in which man's entire hope is shown to rest upon God's love.

All this is "in Christ." We are reconnected with him and with him we share a place "at (God's) right hand in the heavenly places" (1:20). Christian faith is relatedness to a Person, not acceptance of a set of ideas. With our Saviour and with all other believers we have been raised from spiritual death and exalted to a dignity "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named" (1:

"All this—and heaven too." Or perhaps it is more accurate to say, "Heaven hereafter—and already now." "He who has the Son has life"—not "will have" but "has" (I John 5:12). But God's grace looks both backward and forward in eternity.

"The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting" (Psalm 103:17). "He chose us in (Christ) before the foundation of the world" (1:4) "that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Jesus Christ" (2:7). Only eternity provides scope for the wonder of that great and powerful love which manifested itself in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth!

WORSHIP NOTEBOOK

Twenty-eighth in a Series on the Liturgy: THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ALMOST ALL OF US come face to face one time or another with complicated uments, such as the deed to a house, insurance policy. They are full of what call "fine print," the details written in technical vocabulary. While essen- most people don't pay much atten- to it.

Fine print" turns up in some unlikely ces. I don't suppose more than one in undred ever noticed it in the *Common vice Book*. But it's there—pages 306- of the music edition. These are the faces to our book of worship, the first he Common Service itself, 1888, and preface to the *Common Service Book* 1917.

RY READING it through sometime. You ht be better informed about your wor- . For instance, it was necessary that men who prepared the original Com- Service—Edward Traill Horn, Beale Schmucker, and G. U. Wenner—es- ish some rule to guide them in pre- ng a service for American Lutherans. y wanted to be sure that they had stigated the best of all Christian wor- before they compiled their new ice.

hey established this standard, "The mon consent of the pure Lutheran gies of the sixteenth century, and re there is not an entire agreement ng them, the consent of the largest ber of those of greatest weight." y based their work upon the Lutheran gies of the Reformation and imme- post-Reformation period. There many of these. From them the pilers of the Common Service tried to establish a general pattern. Where there were differences, they were guided by the majority of those liturgies which had exerted the greatest influence on the church.

But in one outstanding instance they ignored the rule. This violation occurred with the use of the *Nunc Dimittis* in the Communion Service.

THE WORDS *Nunc Dimittis* are the first words of the Latin translation of Simeon's hymn and mean literally "Now, we (*or* let us) depart." In the Gospel of Luke (2:22-32) Simeon's place in the life of Christ is recorded.

Mary and Joseph, being pious Jews, obeyed the ceremonial law of Moses faithfully. In the prescribed period following the delivery of the infant, Mary was required by Jewish law to go to the temple and make a sacrificial offering of a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.

It was while observing this ritual in the temple of Jerusalem that Mary and Joseph with their baby were met by an old man named Simeon. He saw the couple and their child. Taking the infant in his arms he sang a hymn of thanksgiving.

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32)

This is the *Nunc Dimittis*.

ALONG WITH THE *Nunc Dimittis* there are two other selections taken from the New Testament which became established hymns in the worship of the early church:

The *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55) sung by the Virgin Mary upon her visitation to her cousin Elizabeth to tell her the news the angel had given her, and the *Benedictus* (Luke 1:68-79), a thanksgiving by Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. (Like the *Nunc Dimittis,* both hymns are named from their first words in Latin.)

These hymns were valued by Christians for their beauty and meaning. In time, particularly with the development of the monastic system of specified hours of prayer throughout the day, these hymns became identified with the church's daily prayer program. The *Benedictus* alternated with the *Te Deum* at Matins in the morning. The *Magnificat* was sung at Vespers, and at the last prayer hour of the day, or Compline, the *Nunc Dimittis* was used. Simeon's hymn of dismissal fitted into the late evening hour of prayer.

WITH THE REDUCTION of the monastic hours of prayer to two—Matins and Vespers—in Lutheranism, the *Benedictus* was retained for the morning and the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc Dimittis* included in Vespers.

But the Lutheran service of Holy Communion makes an almost unique use of the *Nunc Dimittis.* Some of the ancient Greek liturgies used this canticle in the liturgy at its end, but neither the Roman Catholic nor the Anglican orders followed the practice. Luther in neither of his two revisions of the mass used it, but it is found in the early Swedish liturgy and in at least two of the early German liturgies.

THE RUBRIC in the *Common Service Book* regarding its use after communion is permissive. This means that the *Nunc Dimittis* may be used at this place. It is hard to think of anything else that would be a satisfactory substitute. The Scriptures (Matthew 26:30) say concerning the close of the Last Supper, "And wh they had sung a hymn, they went out in the mount of Olives."

So we too, following our Lord's Supp sing a hymn. As to the aged Simeon, to us the Christ has come. Not in a symbolical fashion, as if we only remem bered this tiny Babe, but in a real inca nate sense, Christ comes to us under t forms of bread and wine. In respon to the age-old prayer of the churc "Come, Lord Jesus!" he has come to with us. For a moment time stands s and the incarnate God dwells in us. H joyously we can sing

". . . for mine eyes have seen thy salvation:
which thou hast prepared before all people."

—EDGAR S. BROWN, JR

PERSONAL PROBLEM CLINIC

By EARL S. RUDISILL

Sharing interests

QUESTION: Donald wants me to t part in almost everything he does. Si he is our only child, he seems to ex me to take the place of a brother or si But I am not interested in all these ac ties. I can't sincerely take part in th The whole thing is annoying, thoug want to help him.

REPLY: A little child has need someone to share his interests. T you are an adult with other interest of course, beyond his understand His enjoyment of what he doe largely contingent upon some ide

f interest. It is desirable that the arent show interest and pleasure in hat is being done in order to stimulate ne youngster's imagination, interest, nd action, and to give him encouragement.

It sometimes happens that as a parnt participates in a child's activities finds new and unexplored interests hich he had not suspected, just as one nds new friends and interests when goes to some social function which may have preferred to avoid. One's rticipation in children's play will ean more if the parent reads periodals and books which deal with the rent-child relationship, such as *Child udy* or *Parents' Magazine*.

When a child is ten or twelve years d he will have interests and preferces of his own. He will be arriving them without parental stimulation. e youngster will then realize the difrences between the interests of his lers and those of his own. By-and- the shoe will be on the other foot—tead of descending to the child's el of thought and feeling, you will helping the teen-ager to understand d appreciate the grown-up point of w. You will probably be rewarding n for his adoption of more and more ture attitudes, assumption of responility, and performing his duties in ys that commend them to grown-ups.

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ESTION: During the war my cousin, ly child, was engaged to a young who was killed in action. Since then n has declined to leave the house, nothing changed, and still insists wearing the dresses in which Roscoe een her.

has lost most of her friends because fuses to pay any attention to them. A few years after the war her father died and last year her mother also. She lives alone in her old home, and rarely goes out. I have tried to get her to go to various doings and to take part in things, as have other relatives and friends, but without success.

REPLY: Tragedy can practically paralyze one. Marian is fixated at an earlier period in her life and upon Roscoe and his devotion. While such an attitude is foolish, it does not appear so to the girl. She would probably argue that she is simply being loyal to her lover and can't do otherwise.

For Marian's own sake something should be done. She has declined invitations to go out and get into things, but perhaps the approaches were not of the right sort. Other efforts should be made, perhaps by other persons, along with assurance that her life is not over, that friends will help her to attractive possibilities.

If this sort of approach does not make any impression, arrange to give her a little party at her home—a surprise—inviting both young women and young men. Endeavor to put her at ease, but make her as much as possible the center of the doings. There may be some small gifts. Let the conversation project other doings, attractively described.

Such a party may bring to her a world which she has not gone out to meet. It could start correction of false impressions and baseless attitudes which ofttimes overtake one who lives alone and withdraws from the society of others.

If all these efforts fail, Marian will need professional help who can assist in uncovering the sources of her trouble and provide adequate guidance.

SYNOD CONVENTIONS

Delegates discuss budgets . . approve "second campus" for Carthage College receive record number of new congregations . . debate A-bomb tests and foreign

Arleigh Cox and Linwood Fredericksen were ordained in Iowa

IOWA

By ALFRED J. BEIL

A RECORD BUDGET of $353,545 for 1958 was adopted by the Iowa Synod at its convention held in St. John's Church, Des Moines, May 20-23. This budget increases the per capita apportionment for the synod's 18,613 communing members to $19, as compared with $13.10 in 1957.

Dr. Ralph Loew, representative of the United Lutheran Church, said, "A $15 million benevolence program proposed by the United Lutheran Church for 1958 demands an imaginative faith and a willingness to share."

Dr. Robert Marshall, professor at Chicago Lutheran Seminary, acting as convention chaplain, warned against pastors being so busy with church activities that they can't find time for Bible study in their sermon preparation. "Primarily," he said, "a ister is a specialist in the Bible. He preaching unless he is presenting a b message."

ORDAINED AS ministers were: Arlei Cox and Linwood Fredericksen, bo First Church, Iowa City. Pastor Co accepted a call from the Good She Church, Pocatello, Idaho, and Pastor ericksen is to serve as a mission pas the Iowa Synod.

Three other young men approved f dination later are: Harvey L. Prinz, D port, called by the Board of America sions to serve at Colorado Springs, Harry M. Rohwer, Jr., Clinton, call BAM to serve in the Texas-Louisiana and David E. Miller, Davenport.

Synod voted approval of a proposal Carthage College board of trustees to lish a second campus at a location determined. . Eric Olson, assistant

ident of Carthage, said a new campus ld be located "much closer to the greater ority of our congregations."

e-elected president for a five-year term Dr. Alfred J. Beil. The following were ected for two-year terms: the Rev. Rus- J. Olson, vice president; the Rev. Theo- A. Youngquist, secretary; Einer Juel, surer; Dr. Maurice E. Lesher, statistician.

he United Lutheran Church Women of a re-elected Mrs. Herbert Neumann of enport as president at a convention held es Moines at the same time as the synod ention. Recognition was given to the W of Manly, Iowa, for outstanding th during the past year—an increase of per cent in membership and 300 per increase in offerings.

NOIS

OHN E. COOPERRIDER

IE ILLINOIS SYNOD adopted a budget in s of $1 million for the first time in its ry, and authorized a campaign for 55,000 for its educational institutions. meeting was in First Church, Decatur, 20-23. The budget adopted for 1958 nted to $1,016,720, the amount to go e ULCA for its causes being doubled 45,000.

e campaign authorized will be for two beginning in 1959, one-third of the eds going to the Chicago Seminary in wood for the construction of a chapel other needs, and the other two-thirds to Carthage College to aid in the es- hment of a second campus somewhere n the Rockford-Milwaukee-Chicago tri-

e synod authorized the board of trus- f Carthage College to establish the sec- ampus, giving it authority to determine ocation and site. The new program s from that authorized at previous meetings in making it possible to start campus on a smaller scale than would quired by complete relocation. The d campus may be activated with less than a full four-year program if necessary.

President Weeg, Secretary Peterman

To meet the record budget, the synod reaffirmed its authorization of the sector project for use beginning this fall. The Rev. Richard L. Peterman, who was installed as the first secretary for stewardship during the synod meeting, announced plans for introducing the sector project through 36 trained resource persons.

TWO NEW congregations were received into the synod—Calvary Church, Belleville, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wheeling.

Three men were ordained—Robert C. Farb, Ph.D., called to become pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Lombard; David A. McCleary, called to the Meredosia parish; and Frank S. Moyer, III, called to serve as institutional chaplain for the Nebraska Lutheran Social Mission Service in Omaha.

Dr. George F. Harkins, assistant to the president of the ULCA, represented the United Lutheran Church. He reminded the delegates, "You are the ULCA. It is not 231 Madison Avenue. It is not the Board of American Missions, or the Board of Foreign Missions. You are the ULCA."

The Rev. A. Howard Weeg was elected to a first five-year term as president of the

synod. Late in 1956 he had been elected at a special meeting of synod to succeed the late Harmon J. McGuire.

Other officers re-elected are Glenn W. Schmidt, treasurer; the Rev. Luther C. Mueller, secretary; and Edgar F. Neas, statistician.

It was reported by the United Lutheran Social Mission Society of Illinois that the recent campaign for $250,000 to build the first unit of the homes for the aging and infirm, has now reached $293,000, and that ground may be broken by the end of the year.

NORTHWEST

By CHARLES A. PULS

VICTOR K. WRIGLEY, dismissed from the Northwest Synod in 1956 on charges of heresy, had satisfied the synod's examining committee by answering carefully phrased questions, and by a formal statement of faith. The committee found his doctrinal position in harmony with the doctrines of the church as stated in the constitution. The synod voted at its convention in Trinity Church, Appleton, Wis., May 21-23, to recommit to him the office of the ministry. President Paul Bishop conducted a special service restoring Pastor Wrigley in the synod.

In a statement to the convention, Pastor Wrigley admitted "misjudgments" and "hasty words." "Where such actions and statements have grieved and offended faithful disciples, they have also been a grief and offense against the Lord Jesus Christ and his Gospel. To all who have been grieved and offended I now express my honest sorrow and repentance."

The synod also cleared up its relations with Gethsemane Church, Milwaukee, which tenaciously stood by its pastor and instructed him not to appear before synod's trial committee which found him guilty of heresy. This congregation amended its constitution to provide that its pastor need not be a member of the synod.

Admonished by synodical authorities change its constitution to the provisio effect prior to the amendment, the congr tion declared it would do so only on the admission of Pastor Wrigley to minist membership in the synod.

The synod's executive committee sented a resolution upbraiding the congr tion "for conduct unbecoming to disci required for the proper functioning, stre and well-being of synod." It admonished congregation, in the light of Pastor Wrig readmission, to change its constitution to so notify the president of the synod.

Following a plea by Dr. P. W. R emeritus pastor of Epiphany Church, waukee, "to bury not only the dog but its tail," the Wrigley-Gethsemane congr tion matter was closed.

ESTABLISHMENT of a "second Cart College campus" in the heavily Luth populated area of southeast Wisconsin endorsed by the synod. Carthage at its ent location has within a 50-mile radi population of only 375,000 inhabitant which are 12 ULCA congregations. proposed "heart of the constituency" s presented possible locations with ne populations ranging upward to 6 mi people, with from 70 to 90 ULCA co gations.

The synod voted a fund-raising camp for Carthage in the fall of 1958 to secu million dollars for "the second campus," plans an additional $500,000 appeal fo dowment and expansion of Northwe Theological Seminary.

The convention spent much time sidering the recommendation of the exa ing committee to ordain a man who ha than the full three-year seminary trai This man, in his 40's, had a desire to be a minister. He had been unusually suc ful in business but now has a convi that he has been called to the ministry has done much reading in theology, bu spent only a year and a half in the semi "Must he take the full three-year c

espite the fact that likely he could meet e doctrinal requirements of the examining mmittee?" "Can a seminary retain aca-emic integrity if it lowers its requirements r graduation?" One layman read dramat-ally the parable of the vineyard in which e 11th-hour worker was made equal to ose who bore the burden and heat of the ay.

A delegate from Montana asserted that too am a layman. I too want to be a inister. With my family obligations I can-t see my way to spend three years in the minary. How can I become a minister?"

BY A VOTE of 185 to 62 the synod voted to dain the man, providing he completes pre-ribed theological study and receives a call om a congregation. Since the constitution quires a four-fifths vote, the recommenda-n of the examining committee was lost. ght seminary students who had finished e full course were certified for ordination. They are: Robert E. Gartz, called as as-tant pastor, Reformation, Milwaukee . . . aymond E. Hansen, mission organizer in lifornia . . . Frederick G. Lueders, to rve in India . . . Janis Mednis, St. James', olumbus, Montana . . . John R. Meyer, mis-n organizer in Florida . . . Boyd C. Nel-n, Cannon Falls, Minn. . . . Dudley N. man, Bagley-Cassville, Wis. . . . Paul M. erger, Mounds View, St. Paul, Minn.

President Bishop reported that the average ary of pastors in the synod is $4,380, th $571 average car allowance. Fifty-four stors receive less than $3,900; while 72 orted salary increases averaging $421.

"Five per cent" was the big number to ress the synod's 1956 growth in member-p—baptized, confirmed, communing, and nday school enrollment. Six new missions ounted for a fifth of this growth.

"MISSIONS are harder to start now than in mer years," said veteran Missionary ight Shelhart, "although there are more enings than ever. I used to start a mission h two clean shirts, and now it takes ,000! If we get the money we'll get the sion pastors."

ULC Stewardship Secretary Henry Endress stressed the need for double benevolence in 1958. "We need a new concept of the importance of the offering," he said. "Fifteen million dollars is within the reach of the ULCA, soon to be 40 years old." "The hard cold cash of the matter," said President Bishop, "means $950,000 must be assured by our synod in the every member visitation this fall." Stewardship Secretary George B. McCreary has set up sector plan workshops to aid in the program.

Pastors and delegates had a memorable experience outside the convention one morning when they participated in a census of a new area of Appleton. Led by Dr. Robert W. Stackel, ULC evangelism mission director, the census-takers were driven to their assigned blocks to push strange doorbells and record the information secured in this manner. Director Stackel dramatized how the next phase in evangelism is to be undertaken in all communities. "We will emphasize increased prospective membership files in 1958. There is no quicker way to build up the possibilities than through the census," he said.

Property value in the synod during the year had gone up 13 per cent, while indebtedness had decreased 46 per cent. Congregational expense was down $305,913 over the previous year, with benevolence up 9.2 per cent to a total of $1,166,405.

The Rev. George L. Lundquist, Milwaukee, was re-elected secretary . . . Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jouno, whose philanthropy has been felt in every synodical mission, were presented a plaque on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary . . . A purse of about $2,000 was given to former Northwestern Seminary President Jonas H. Dressler at a testimonial dinner.

While pastors and laymen returned home greatly concerned with double benevolence to be pledged this fall, and with an extra $1,500,000 to be raised in the fall of 1958, one happy note was struck when the per diem expense allowance was increased from the previous $15 for the entire convention to $8 for each day of the three-day meeting.

PACIFIC

By OLIN DASHER

THE FAST-GROWING Pacific Synod held its convention in one of its fastest-growing congregations, St. Mark's, Portland, Walter J. Knutson, pastor, May 20-23. In a dozen years the number of Pacific Synod congregations has grown from 25 to 61. Three of them were admitted at this convention: St. Stephen's, Seattle; Good Shepherd, Richland, Wash.; St. Mark's, Lacey (Olympia), Wash. At the year's end baptized membership was 25,130, an increase of 10 per cent over the previous year.

The first full year of "grace giving" was a success, with an increase of $27,000 in benevolence income, double the previous year's increase. Total expenditures for congregations showed a gain of $231,000 over 1955.

A record apportionment budget of $216,000 was adopted for 1958, $82,000 for the synod and $134,000 for the ULCA. Upon recommendation of the planning commission $4,000 will be set aside annually in accord with a plan to call another full-time synodical worker, in addition to the syn president, when funds are available. T synod voted not to have any 1958 appe for capital funds for its institutions. T home missions loan fund, now over $14,0 will be augmented by $3,000 each year fr the budget, and from special gifts.

ACTION WAS TAKEN favoring $4,000 year minimum salaries for pastors of n sion congregations. Several are below t standard in an area where the cost of liv is high. At first $8,000 was placed in 1958 budget for this purpose. It was la voted out, and Synod President L. H. St hoff was authorized to negotiate with c gregations and the Board of American M sions in raising salaries to $4,000.

Dr. Walter I. Eck was elected secret for his 42nd term. H. A. Halverson, Jr., Longview, Wash., was elected treasurer, s ceeding Gill Nordling who has served se years. Pastor Alfred Mendenhall was elected statistician.

Milton S. Hunt, Jr., of Washington, D. and Weston LaMunyon of Salem, Ore., gr uates of Pacific Seminary, were ordain Preacher was Dr. E. Theodore Bachma Pastor Hunt will go to Shepherd of the H

ORDINATION IN OREGON

urch, Stevenson, Wash., and Pastor La-nyon to Redeemer Church, Boise, Idaho. Representing the ULCA was Dr. R. R. ter, Wartburg Synod president. He said: hen Christ calls, we must answer. There no electives with Christ."

About one-fourth of the congregational egates to this convention were women. e committee on deaconess work presented report favoring the training of a male conate. Action was delayed for a year.

Pastor Carl Mau, fresh from Hannover, rmany, spoke on his work with the Lu-ran World Federation and the awakening the German churches to stewardship, ith work, and evangelism. He has trained lve territorial stewardship - evangelism ders.

The committee on foreign missions re-ted that Pacific is the only synod where "Missionary for a Day" program is in ct. Congregations and Sunday schools encouraged to pay the salary of a spe-ed missionary for a day. The Rev. Melvin ngeland, from Pacific Synod, serving in eria is the current "Missionary for a y."

Need for a new library at the Pacific minary was presented by President Charles elsch. Elmer Sasse, business manager of dland College, reported that the college ntinues to operate within its budget.

ACIFIC-SOUTHWEST

LOUIS F. MERTZ

A RESOLUTION urging an end to the testing d use of atomic weapons was hotly de-ed by delegates to the 66th convention the Pacific-Southwest Synod. It was re-red finally to the Committee of Social ssions for study.

Meeting at First Church, Glendale, Calif., y 13-16, the synod recommended setting 4,000 minimum salary for mission pas-s. Self-supporting congregations are to encouraged to establish the same mini-m, but a motion to use 1958 budget funds this purpose was defeated. Co-operation of the Board of American Missions will be sought.

President Carl V. Tambert reported with alarm that established congregations are barely holding their own in membership. "The average increase in confirmed membership per congregation for 1956 was a mere 10," he said. "The average number of adults received by baptism per congregation was a terrifying six." Many congregations, he pointed out, have lost in numbers while new mission parishes continue to grow.

THE REV. STANLEY E. OLSON, pastor for five years of a mission congregation at Yuma, Ariz., was selected as full-time synodical director of Christian education. His duties will include programming for Sunday schools, youth work and teacher training programs.

The Rev. Kenneth C. Senft, of Redwood City, Calif., was elected second vice president. The Rev. John G. Simmons, of North Hollywood, was named secretary, and Mr. Carl Bell, of Huntington Park, treasurer.

A 1958 budget of $537,210 was approved, including $50,000 for home mission operations. The apportionment will be $18 per member. A $70,000 library project at Pacific Seminary was approved.

Dr. H. Paul Romeis, missionary supervisor, said Pacific Southwest is still the home mission synod of the United Lutheran Church. During the year eight missions achieved self-support, eight were organized and eleven new fields are under development. Fifty-nine congregations receive salary aid from the Board of American Missions, and 26 others have church building loans.

THE SYNOD passed unanimously a resolution to drop the terms "interracial," "integrating," "mixed nature" and "intercultural" in reference to any ministry. "These designations imply division within the church," the resolution stated. "We should accept the work done in this field in the same manner as we accept all such work, a ministry for all people in the name of our Lord and for his Church."

President Tambert was honored on his 25th anniversary of ordination. Guest speakers were Dr. Everett Mitchell, of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement, and Dr. Alfred Beil, president of the Iowa Synod, who was the ULCA representative.

The convention chaplain was Pastor Donald E. Wagner. Daily Bible study was led by Dr. Victor Gold of Pacific Seminary.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

By OLIVER F. WEAVER

THE SECTOR PROJECT and increased 1958 benevolence goals set for the 40th anniversary of the ULC were endorsed unanimously by the Rocky Mountain Synod at its convention May 20-23 in Holy Cross Church, Wheat Ridge, Denver. President John F. Futchs said, "The thrilling thing is not that we have adopted these goals but rather that this action was a reflection of the high spiritual plane upon which the entire convention was maintained."

"Go quickly . . . and tell!" was the convention theme which sparked every meditation and address. Said Pastor William F. Frey, "If the living Christ is actually alive in us, what task of this convention is impossible?"

The host congregation, of which the Rev. Charles L. Strubel is pastor, in less than five years has become self-supporting and reached a membership of over 500 communing members. Their new church facilities amply served both synod and the convention of the United Lutheran Church Women.

A STRONG PLEA for unity among Lutherans was made by Dr. Paul H. A. Noren, pastor of Augustana Church, Denver, on the subject, "Which Way Lutheranism?" At the synodical banquet he said, "I hope the merger between Augustana and the United Lutheran Churches will materialize within the next five years. The time is here for greater Lutheran unity throughout the United States as well as the world."

President Eisenhower's foreign aid pro-

President Beil, President Tambert

gram was endorsed in a resolution by syn which expressed "strong disapproval of p posed cuts in foreign aid, which would ha serious effect upon the well-being and pea of the world."

The $143,480 budget adopted by syn will increase amounts for the ULCA 40 anniversary, Midland College, Tabit Home, and other projects.

Synod voted to hold two youth camps August at Shady Brook YMCA Can Deckers, Colo.; the first week for junior hi young people, the last week for senior hi and college youth.

The camp committee along with the ecutive committee were empowered to p chase a site upon which the camping p gram of synod can be developed. Synod a empowered the executive committee to augurate a capital-fund-raising procedu Pastor J. Benner Weaver outlined the pl for the Lutheran evangelism mission wh is scheduled for October.

President Futchs reported that commun membership in synod has almost trebled the last ten years, that baptized members in 1956 increased by 11 per cent, commun membership by 9 per cent. Two missions ganized during the year—Good Shephe El Paso, and Christ Church, Cheyenne, W —were received.

DR. RICHARD H. GERBERDING of the Bo of American Missions, told how the chu must reach out through its mission boa Shifting population makes the urgency gr He pled, "Give money that costs you blo

sweat, and tears if the church means anything to you."

Dr. William F. Zimmerman, dean of Midland College, was the representative of the ULCA. He pled for doubling of the number of students for the ministry to meet the needs of increasing membership and new missions.

Officers elected were: secretary, the Rev. Newell Mendenhall; treasurer, T. G. Hefner; statistical secretary, the Rev. Wayne Carmany; historical secretary, Dr. Oliver F. Weaver.

THE UNITED Lutheran Church Women of synod, meeting simultaneously with synod, had for their guest speakers: Mrs. C. W. Fagerlin, member of the general board of the Church Women, and Miss Mette Blair, missionary to India.

Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Leeland C. Soker; vice president, Miss Madella Botnan; treasurer, Mrs. Theron Jensen; statistical secretary, Mrs. Titus Scholl; recording secretary, Mrs. E. B. Mitchell.

Preceding the convention of synod a laymen's retreat was held at La Foret Camp, near Colorado Springs. C. W. Rippel, of Albuquerque, was in charge of the program. Speakers were Gilbert E. Olsen, member of the Special Commission on Relations to American Lutheran Church Bodies; Dick Clausen, head football coach, University of New Mexico. Dr. Robert E. Ehlert of Colorado Springs led Bible studies.

The synodical Brotherhood took time out at the La Foret retreat for its annual convention and elected officers: president, W. E. Esperson, Jr.; vice president, Robert S. Harper; secretary, C. Leo Scheie; treasurer, John F. Folk. All are members of St. Timothy, El Paso, Tex., the idea being to have them close together for efficient work.

TEXAS-LOUISIANA

By JAMES F. VORKOPER

SEVEN NEW MISSIONS were added to the roll at the convention of the Texas-Louisiana synod in Redeemer Church, Houston. Seven

PRESIDENT FUTCH, DR. NOREN
Plea for Lutheran unity

pastors were received by transfer from other synods, and two young men will be ordained. They are Vernon Pecht, Houston, called as mission developer in East San Antonio, and Vernon Breitkreutz, Cuero, called to St. John's Church, Goliad.

Synod President Royal E. Lesher conducted the discussion of a new synodical constitution, adopted after a minimum of debate, which provides for organization of conferences. Dr. Carl V. Tambert, Pacific Southwest Synod president, was the United Lutheran Church representative. "If you are willing to be a church leader, you must be able to be taken for granted," he said. "A fundamental characteristic of a Christian is to be taken for granted."

AT THE END of 1956 there were 45 congregations on the synod roll, a gain of 14 in the last five years. Two others, Snyder and Amarillo, have now been organized. A gain of 7.8 per cent in baptized membership was made in 1956. The five-year gain in baptized membership was 4,435, or 43 per cent.

$81,289 was contributed in apportioned benevolences; with a total of all expenditures of $819,151. Congregational expenses gained

30 per cent over the previous year, while apportioned benevolence receipts were 16 per cent higher. The five-year increase was 104 per cent in congregational expenses ($358,160); 133 per cent in benevolences ($46,341), and a total expense gain of 99 per cent ($408,192).

Synod approved the sector project, debated the tithe at some length (Christian or Old Testament?) and all agreed that most members of synod could give much more than they do. Synodical budget items were trimmed to make way for the increased 1958 budget of the United Lutheran Church which was doubled by vote of last year's Harrisburg convention to mark the 40th anniversary of the ULC.

A PROPOSED Lutheran Center was announced when the new constitution of the Lutheran Welfare Society was adopted. Provisions will be made in the building, to be built by the Texas Lutheran Welfare Society in Austin for its own offices and offices for all Lutheran bodies of the NLC located in Texas. Texas-Louisiana Synod offices will be moved from the ULPH store to the new building when finished.

Long debate about a plan for equalization of traveling expenses for synod conventions ended in a decision to adopt the plan tentatively.

A new home mission interim loan fund was instituted by synod, limiting short-term loans to the extent of $100,000.

The Rev. A. A. Hahn presented a passionate plea for changing the basis of apportioned benevolence to other than communicants. Under the title of "Communion for Sale" he pointed out that some pastors hesitate to report total communing records because of the present basis. He advocated percentage giving to benevolent causes based on the regular income of the congregations. The matter was referred to the executive committee for study.

LUTHERHILL camp site for the synod has been improved by the new swimming pool. Dedication will take place on July 4. The Rev. F. E. Eilers as chairman of the camp

BIG PLANS IN TEXAS
President Tambert, President Lesher

committee since its beginning several yea ago has been chiefly responsible for t rapid development of the property.

The committee on parish educati startled sleepy delegates as they went in an extra session by a "Man from Mars" s which vividly put across the use of public tions of the ULCA Board of Parish Educ tion and the Publication House.

Educational institutions were represent by Dr. E. B. Keisler of Central Seminar Dr. Ed. Sagabiel of Texas Lutheran Colle (ALC) which receives some support fr students of the ULCA and from the Boa of Higher Education ULCA, and the R Ralph Ritzen of Midland College. Six you men from synod are theological students seminary and seven from synod are in c leges preparing for the seminary.

Synodical officers will remain the san Dr. R. E. Lesher, president; the Rev. Jo A. Jacobs, secretary; Mr. T. T. Teel, tre urer. Under the new constitution there is vice president. Provision will be made the executive committee in case of the moval of the president from office.

About Billy Graham

SIR:

After reading your editorial (May 22) about Billy Graham I am convinced you should try to be a Christian first and a Lutheran second. Billy Graham is as good as anybody in the Lutheran church. Maybe a lot better. ED. SCHULTZ, JR.

Reading, Pa.

SIR:

About Mr. Graham's "wavering," it is my sincere belief that every Christian who has ever achieved the heights of experience of being a Christian, has wavered. As for Lutherans preferring the unexcited approach to Christianity, no Christian can possibly approach knowledge or presence of his God without excitement. The studied, bookish approach which you believe we Lutherans have adopted will lead us no further than it led the Pharisees and Sadducees.

FRED S. BARROUK

Mechanicsburg, Pa.

SIR:

I cannot believe any sincere Christian can pass judgment on an individual or group just because they go about praising God in their own particular way. I doubt that one of the prerequisites of being a Lutheran involves making snide remarks or innuendoes as to how someone else goes about praising or working for God. G. V. DOLS

Billings, Mont.

SIR:

You say, "We Lutherans prefer to sit in orderly rows in our own church pews and not get excited." Where have you been for the last year or more? Have you not heard of the two-year program of evangelism in the United Lutheran Church? Did I dream it, or did the congregation of which I have been a member go through all the experiences of hoopla evangelism? . . . We were urged to get out and visit, telephone and exhort—and to get excited. EARL R. ROTH

Norristown, Pa.

SIR:

Thanks for the calm, wise, pastoral "Conclusion" in reference to Billy Graham.

Chicago JOSEPH SITTLER

The May 22 "Conclusion" was intended as sympathetic toward the Graham meetings, but pointed out that they should not be necessary for Lutherans if our church's methods of instruction have been effective.

Length of presidency

SIR:

The statement that Dr. Richard Gerberding's 21 years as president of the Northwest Synod established the "longest tenure of any ULC synod president" (THE LUTHERAN, May 22) is in error. Dr. J. L. Morgan served as full-time president of the North Carolina Synod for 28 years.

Salisbury, N. C. FRANK K. EFIRD

SIR:

Dr. J. H. Reble was president of the Canada Synod from 1925 to 1953, a period of 28 years. HERMAN SCHORTEN

Waterloo, Ontario

It's usually the policy of THE LUTHERAN *not to say anything is the longest, oldest, biggest. This time we slipped.*

Books wanted

SIR:

For the library of the ULC Department of Worship we would like the following books: *American Lutheran Hymnal* (1930), any edition of *The Book of Worship*, the *Kirchen - Agende der Evangelisch - Lutherischen Vereinigten Gemeinden in Nord-Amerika* (1786), *Christian Art in the Place and the Form of Lutheran Worship* by Paul E. Kretzmann, *Der Hauptgottesdienst der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche* by Friedrich Lochner, *Church Book With Music* by Mrs. Harriet Reynolds (Krauth) Spaeth.

Anyone wishing to supply any of the above may send them to us at 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

EDGAR S. BROWN, JR.

St. Paul's Church, Olney, Dedicates Enlarged Building

By CARL W. WEBER

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Dedication services for St. Paul's Church in Olney, Philadelphia, were held May 12 and continued through the month. The congregation of over 1,600 baptized members is rapidly growing and needed more space in the sanctuary and educational department.

The new plant was designed to accommodate a worship, educational and social-service program for 2,000 persons. It was built at a cost of $300,000.

St. Paul's, Olney, built church home for growing congregation

The church was enlarged to seat 600 persons. A spacious narthex and chancel were added. The organ was rebuilt.

An altar guild room and choir rooms are located near the chancel.

The middle floor houses the educational facilities. The first floor has been designed as a community center.

The Rev. Martin C. Wisznat is pastor of St. Paul's Church and the Rev. Klaus W. Molzahn assistant pastor.

Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, ULC secretary, preached on dedication day. Preacher on "German Day" was Dr. Hagen Staack, professor of religion at Muhlenberg College. St. Paul's belongs to the Pennsylvania Ministerium's German Conference and has services in English and German.

Wilmington Group Makes Progress

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Development of a mission in suburban North Wilmington is making rapid progress, Pastor Samuel Besecker reports. The group is being formed in an area of new homes. There are no Lutheran churches in the neighborhood.

The first service was held March 31 with 160 present. Charter membership list was opened May 12 and signed by 63 persons the first day. Organization has been scheduled for Reformation Sunday.

The mission is meeting in a school house. A parsonage has been bought by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Pastor Besecker, a Gettysburg Seminary graduate, was formerly pastor of Resurrection Church, Franklin Park, Ill.

Fifth Baxter Cantata Presented

PHILADELPHIA—For the fifth consecutive year, Trinity Church in Philadelphia (Germantown) concluded its annual series of musical vespers with a first performance of one of Catherine Deisher Baxter's cantatas.

Presented on May 19 was "St. Paul, Ambassador for Christ." Taking part were Trinity's senior choir, soloists, small orchestra and organ. The part of the narrator was

ung by the pastor, Dr. Edward T. Horn, III. Since 1953 Mrs. Baxter's cantatas have ad their first performance at Trinity Church. Several of them have been published and broadcast. Music critics have ad words of high praise for her works.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY of Pastor Cletus . Senft at Holy Trinity Church, Narberth, as observed June 2. Pastor Senft has served he Philadelphia Conference church since he as graduated in 1927 from Gettysburg eminary. During his pastorate at Trinity Church, the confirmed membership of the ongregation has risen from 145 to over 400.

t. John's, Mayfair, Builds New Unit

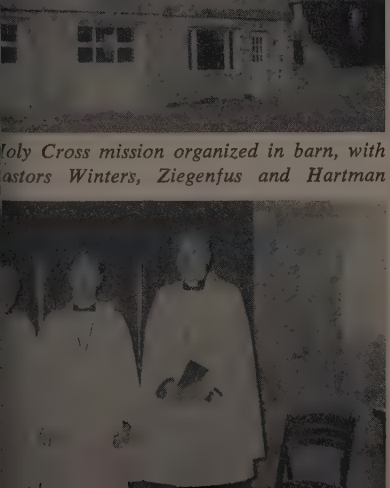
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Mayfair, celebrated s 90th anniversary May 19 by laying the ornerstone of a $400,000 education unit overing a full city block.

Articles to be placed in the cornerstone were presented by the three oldest members of the congregation: Frank Nase, 90; Mrs. Pleasant Myers, 89; and Mrs. Hedwig Plietzch, 86.

St. John's was begun as an offspring of Zion Church, Franklin Square, whose present pastor, the Rev. John Hamester, preached at the service. A procession of 500 children carried plants for the sick and shut-ins and sang hymns written by St. John's first pastor, the Rev. Adolph Spaeth, who served the congregation from 1867 to 1910.

Participating in the cornerstone laying service were the Rev. Albert W. Shumaker, president of the Philadelphia Conference; Pastor John Kaelberer of St. John's Church, Hatboro; St. John's Pastor Carl W. Weber; his father, Pastor Paul C. Weber of Camden, N. J.; and St. John's Assistant Pastor Herman D. Fudge.

Holy Cross mission organized in barn, with Pastors Winters, Ziegenfus and Hartman



Bethlehem Mission Sees Promising Future

BETHLEHEM—The "mission in the barn" developed on the grounds of the future Muhlenberg Medical Center in Bethlehem was organized May 5 with a charter membership of 78. For Dr. Roy L. Winters, secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Pennsylvania Ministerium who preached at the organizational service, it was the 25th congregation organized under his supervision since he began his home mission work in 1946. Pastor Orval C. Hartman, director of home missions, conducted the service, and Mission Developer James E. Ziegenfus was liturgist.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania spent $3,000 to remodel a barn on the Muhlenberg Center property. The former stable contains the main meeting room. A parsonage is now being sought.

Current plans call for continued use of the remodeled barn over a few years. The possibility that Muhlenberg Center may grant further room to build a church on its grounds is being discussed.

Wilkes-Barre Conference Dedicates Home for Aged

By CALVIN E. HUMBERT

WILKES-BARRE—The Lutheran Home for the aged was dedicated in Hazleton May 12. Dedication marked completion of the first project of the Lutheran Welfare Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania, an association established in 1955 on the territory of the Wilkes-Barre Conference which provides services for the care of the aged.

The home, the former Blodgett Community House, admitted the first guests last November. It was completely remodeled, and additional ground was purchased for future expansion. At present it has seven residents. Mrs. Margaret Gicking is the superintendent.

Taking part in the official dedication were (*see cut, left to right*) Dr. Gustavus H. Bechtold, former executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Ministerium's board of inner missions; President Francis R. Edwards of the Wilkes-Barre Conference; and I Francis A. Shearer, present board of in missions executive secretary.

E. Lawrence Bottiger Ordained
A first in 50 years for Trinity Church

Hazleton Home for Aged Dedicated
A first for Conference Welfare Service

Other ministers participating in the serv were Pastors Robert F. Sauers, George Deisher and Allen H. Roth. The choir Christ Church, Hazleton, sang. The serv was attended by 1,000 persons.

Ordination Conducted in Hazlet

HAZLETON—The first ordination in fi years was conducted May 12 at Trin Church, Hazleton.

In the presence of members of four gene tions of his family, the Rev. E. Lawre Bottiger was ordained by Dr. Charles Cooper, president of the Pennsylvania M isterium. Mr. Bottiger is the new assis pastor of Trinity Church.

Taking part with Dr. Cooper in the c mony were (*see cut, from left*) the dinand's father, the Rev. Ernest L. Botti pastor of the Buffalo Valley parish, V Milton, and Dr. H. Clay Bergstresser, T ity's pastor. Pastor Bottiger is a recent tysburg Seminary graduate.

Abbottstown Charge Split Approved by Conference

By JEANNE W. WEBER

GETTYSBURG—St. John's Church, Abbottstown, and Trinity Church, East Berlin, have followed the trend for dissolution of multiple-church parishes. They will be divided into two one-church charges on June 30.

The congregations had voted in March to petition the West Penn Conference for approval of the division. The conference granted the request. The present pastor, L. J. Karschner, will resign at the end of June and become the first full-time pastor of St. John's, Abbottstown, on July 1.

The Abbottstown parish with over 900 confirmed members was one of the largest multiple-church charges in the West Penn Conference. During the past eight years both Trinity and St. John's churches built and paid for new educational buildings. They received 346 adults into membership, and Pastor Karschner baptized 132 children.

Plans to assist congregations currently without a pastor in starting and carrying through evangelism programs were formulated by the West Penn area evangelism committee at a meeting last month in Chambersburg. Chairman L. J. Karschner, Abbottstown, announced that members of the area committee would be assigned to nearby churches to aid them in the program.

TRINITY CHURCH, Chambersburg, honored Dr. Clarence A. Neal on the 30th anniversary of his pastorate last month. Dr. Dwight M. Putman, Central Pennsylvania Synod president, paid tribute to Dr. Neal at the special service.

The membership of Trinity has grown from 218 communing members in 1927 to 825. A new church and a new education building have been erected during Dr. Neal's pastorate.

FIRST CHURCH, Chambersburg (Martin F. Foutz, pastor), honored fifteen teachers and officers of the Sunday school who have given 20 years and more of faithful service to the school. Among them was Mr. T. Z. Minehart who has served the church for 47 years.

FLOHR'S CHURCH, McKnightstown (E. Mahlon Clarke, pastor), dedicated a new organ in April.

Zelienople Home Plans New Units

By LUTHER E. FACKLER

PITTSBURGH—An additional apartment for use of retired Pittsburgh Synod pastors and their wives will be built at the Old People's Home in Zelienople. The board of directors of the institution authorized the project and approved plans for a new superintendent's home.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Zelienople Home will furnish the buildings.

A religious center for Orientals will be established this summer in the Pittsburgh Episcopal diocese. It will be directed by Bishop Quentin K. Y. Huang, a refugee from China who escaped his Communist-dominated homeland in 1952. Bishop Huang, who has been working with Orientals in the district for the past two years, will take over the 22-room house now occupied by the Pittsburgh Internship for Ministers.

Thiel Announces Choral School

THE SECOND Paul Christiansen Choral School on the Thiel College campus is scheduled for Aug. 4-14. Classes will be conducted in voice and choir training technique, conducting and interpretation, choir recruitment and organization and selection of literature. Participants will be given opportunity to conduct choirs under the supervision of the faculty.

ANNIVERSARY celebrations were held at Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, where Pastor A. W. Steinfurth observed his 25th anniversary, and at Zion Church, Penn Hills, in observance of the 10th anniversary of Pastor H. Paul Gerhard. The 40th ordination anniversary of Pastor Grover E. Swoyer will be marked by Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

ULC SEMINARIES GRADUATE 194

Parishes Call 125, Home Missions Claim 26

GRADUATION EXERCISES were held last month for 194 students on the campuses of the t ULC theological seminaries in the United States and Canada. Calls to the parish ministry h been received by 125 of them even before the schools closed. A few were still awaiting ca

The Board of American Missions had called 26 to develop new fields. Five gave foreign mission stations as their destination, four got ready for military chaplaincy.

A slightly smaller number than last year planned to pursue further graduate studies—16 instead of the 20 of last year's graduating classes which totaled 179. One of Gettysburg's graduates will continue to study at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, a one of his classmates at Catholic Universi in Washington, D. C.

There were again some non-Luthera among the graduates and several came fr other Lutheran bodies. The graduating cl of Saskatoon, Sask., Seminary was made of three students from the American L theran Church and one from Augustana

Names of the graduates and the fields to which they have been called are as follows:

CENTRAL SEMINARY

Name:	Called to:
Arleigh E. Cox	Pocatello, Idaho
Thomas E. Graham	BFM, Malaya
Vitauts Grinvalds	Sterling, Neb.
Myron J. Haleen	UELC, Wisconsin
John C. Heidbreder	Lindy, Neb.
Glenn W. Kranzow	BFM, Hong Kong
John F. Planz	UELC, Iowa
John A. Reger	Stella, Neb.
Carl R. Schneider	Linn, Kan.
Stanley D. Senness	Emerson, Neb.
Jearald J. Shaft	Schuyler, Neb.

CHICAGO SEMINARY

Edward G. Anderson	Graduate study
Paul W. Baer	Logansport, Ind.
Richard A. Bailey	Bluff Springs, Ill.
Paul B. Beatty, Jr.	Washington, D. C.
Robert C. Farb	Lombard, Ill.
Laszlo Gero	Call pending
Laimdots Grendze	Call pending
Charles W. Hoemig	BAM, Arvada, Colo.
Paul L. James	Lyons, Wis.
Gordon L. Johnson	Graduate study
Arthur G. Kimball	Graduate study
Donald E. Koponen	Brownsmead, Ore.
David A. Kopplin	Graduate study
David A. McCleary	Meredosia, Ill.

Name:	Called
Frank J. Meleschnig	Call pend
John R. Meyer	BAM, Flor
Harvey L. Prinz	BAM, Colorado Springs, C
C. Donald Richter	Albion, I
Richard W. Rieger	Fort Plain, N.
C. Franklin Samuelson	Graduate st
Vilis Varsbergs	BAM, Albion, M
Eric R. Weber	Washington,

GETTYSBURG SEMINARY

Richard F. Batman	Richmond,
Ernest L. Bottiger	Hazelton,
Charles W. Claus	BAM, Stratford, N
Alan B. Coates	BAM, Northwood Village,
Thomas C. Cooper	Wilkinsburg,
Gordon N. Edwards	U.S. Navy Chap
Martin F. Foutz, Jr.	BAM, Detroit, M
James E. Henneberger	BAM, Michi
Arthur F. Hennig	Lancaster, N
Theodore R. Hildebrand	Graduate st
Gerald E. Houseknecht	Hagerstown,
Welles F. Jackson	Madison,
G. C. Jacobsen	Int. Chap., Washington, D
Stuart H. Lengel, Jr.	Rossville,
John F. Lose	Williamstown,
John A. McGuigan	Clinical trai
H. James Meyers	Middletown,
Rolf H. Mielzarek	Jersey City, N
Edwin B. Naylor	E

Name:	Called to:
Michiko Ohta	Teacher, Osaka, Japan
Daniel D. Oravec	Hanover, Pa.
Robert W. Plumskey	BAM, Niles, Calif.
Joseph W. Seitz	Red Lion, Pa.
Robert T. Shade	Westernport, Md.
Ellis U. Shaffer	Denver, Colo.
Leonard E. Shertzer	Portage, Pa.
Thomas F. M. Sinn	Hampstead, Md.
Thomas A. Smith	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Jack E. Stouffer	Goldsboro, Pa.
Earl B. Wantz	Parkridge, Ill.
Henry K. Wohlgemuth	Graduate study

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ugust Heide	BAM, Waterford, Pa.
ertrand Johnson	BAM, Fresno, Calif.
edrick Lueders	BFM (school)
endell Mathews	Lena, Ill.
yd Nelson	Cannon Falls, Minn.

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Garfield Remus	BAM, Tuxedo, Man., Canada
Harry Rohwer	BAM, Hurst, Texas
Justin Silvius	U.S. Army Chaplain
Paul Werger	St. Paul, Minn.
Benjamin Leonard	Call pending
Robert Wetzler	Graduate study

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Richard D. Knudten	Cleveland Heights, Ohio
Paul A. Kloth	Inglewood, Calif.
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George E. Scheitlin	Paramus, N. J.
Devansean Rajarigam (STM)	Gurusal Sem., India

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David Acosta	Toa Baja, Puerto Rico
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Sherwood Dieter	Obelisk, Pa.
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Calder A. Gibson, II	Wantagh, L. I., N. Y.
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Roger W. Greentaner	Rochester, N. Y.
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William Jensen	Easton, Pa.
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David N. Kistler	Claysburg, Pa.
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Donald G. Luck	Graduate study
Philip A. Lynch	Dunellen, N. J.
James M. McCormick	Clarion, Pa.

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Walter W. Miller, Jr.	Graduate study
Richard J. Niebanck, III	Graduate study
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Albert A. Schrum, Jr.	Bayonne, N. J.
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Ernest A. Spangler	Raymertown, N. Y.
George F. Spieker	Gordon, Pa.
Earl D. Strawn	Erie, Pa.
Donald G. Sukosky	Graduate study
Richard A. Swanson	Roosevelt, N. Y.
Morton P. Talbot	Brooklyn, N. Y.
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H. Peter Unks, Jr.	Perkasie, Pa.
Ernest M. Waxbom, Jr.	Nuremberg, Pa.
G. A. Wuestefeld	BAM, Madison Twp., N. J.
George L. Ziegenfus	New Tripoli, Pa.

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Vincent Eriksson	Shaunavon, Sask.
Reinhold Miller	Rush Lake, Sask.
Hans Martin Steinert	Wapella, Sask.

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Robert R. Cofer	Hampton, Va.
James R. Connelly	BAM, Columbia, S. C.
L. E. Cumbee, Jr.	Lexington, S. C.
C. K. Derrick, Jr.	BAM, Montgomery, Ala.
Herman G. Fisher, Jr.	Lexington, Ky.
Charles E. Holmes	White Rock, S. C.
Lewis L. Kyles	Milan, Ind.
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Vernon W. Pecht	BAM, San Antonio, Texas
Fred M. Ramseur	Hickory, N. C.
C. Ross Ritchie, Jr.	Goldsboro, N. C.
Carl L. Ritchie	Claremont, N. C.
John H. Roof	Sullivan's Island, S. C.
John W. Roth	Leechburg, Pa.
Paul O. Slice	Bear Poplar, N. C.
Robert L. Swygert	Newberry, S. C.
Robert L. Troutman	Gibsonville, N. C.
Jack H. Warner, Jr.	BAM, Sandy Springs, Ga.
Curtis K. Wise, Jr.	Call pending

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William D. Hures	BAM, Renfrew, Ont.
William Kurschinski	Fort Erie, Ont.
Clyde W. Wentzell	Mahone Bay, N. S.

Irvington Church Dedicated

IRVINGTON, N. J.—Redeemer Church was dedicated here May 19. Synod President Edwin Knudten preached at the service conducted by Pastor Curtis C. Klinger.

The congregation resulted from a merger of St. Paul's Church, Irvington, and St. John's and Trinity Church, Newark. It was organized as Redeemer Church in 1955.

The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 228 in the nave, with room for 18 in the choir section. The parish house has adequate room for educational purposes.

Growing Churches Expand

By E. RUDOLPH WALBORN

DEDICATION of a $155,000 youth building on April 7 completed a 15-year plan for expansion of Sunday school facilities by First Church, Bellefontaine.

Named in memory of a former pastor, Dr. C. E. Rice, it contains lounge, offices, classrooms and a hall accommodating 350.

Participating in a four-day dedication program were President Miley, former Pastor Richard W. Albert, Knox R. Roberts and Herbert N. Graham, ministerial sons of the congregation; Mrs. G. E. Mullendore, widow of a former pastor, and the Wittenberg College Theater Players.

Funds for the building were raised between 1953 and 1956 in a capital funds drive which exceeded a $100,000 goal in pledges and receipts. Later gifts permitted the building to be dedicated with a $23,000 debt.

SPRINGFIELD'S Fourth congregation was back in its own church on Easter after worshiping since Nov. 1 in Wittenberg College's chapel and class buildings. The remodeling program undertaken by the church is to cost $185,000 and the building will be rededicated in the fall when new pews are installed.

Included are a $30,000 pipe organ and an enlarged chancel and choir space. The remodeling has provided a Sunday school area, worship center for the junior department, room for preschool children, and nursery.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, Bowling Green, has purchased a four-acre plot for future relocation of the church. The site is near the state university campus.

JERUSALEM CHURCH at Acme, near Seville, held the cornerstone for a new church on May 5.

A $60,000 EDUCATIONAL WING at Zion Church, Doylestown, was dedicated April 14 by Pastor John R. Long. Pastor Long is now at St. Paul's Church, Mansfield, but was pastor of Zion Church when the first pro-

Youth Building for Bellefontaine Church
Dedication marked completion of 15-yr. plan

posals for the addition were made. President Miley preached.

The addition is a two-story brick building, has an assembly room seating 200 and ten classrooms, study, and office. The old church was built in 1867.

Robert S. Kelly, Philadelphia Seminary graduate, became pastor following his ordination by the Ohio Synod last month.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, Mansfield, has voted to secure a new church site and to build. The present building will be offered for sale.

Inner Mission Chaplain Installed

PASTOR CHALMER E. MOORE was installed as chaplain of the Springfield Inner Mission Society by Ohio Synod President George W. Miley on May 5. Hamma's Dean E. E. Flack preached the sermon. Liturgist was Pastor C. Luther Stager of Calvary Church, where the service was held.

Pastor Moore received one of the first calls for special service to be issued by the Synod of Ohio. He will work with Miss Mazie Swearingen, institutional visitor, in institutions in the six-county area served by the Inner Mission.

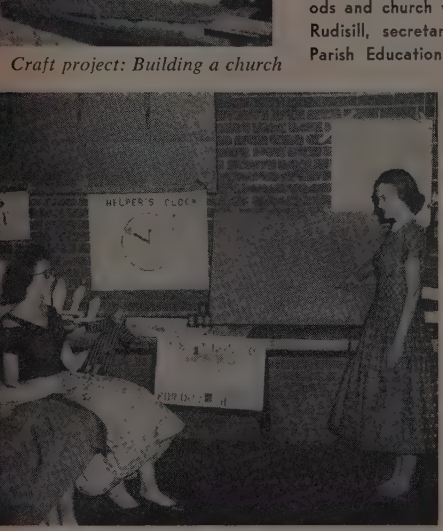
Craft project: Building a church

NORTH CAROLINA

Young People Discuss Church Vocations

HICKORY—College students and other young people con vened at St. Andrew's Church on the campus of Lenoir Rhyne College early last month to attend a parish workers' conference sponsored by the school's department of Christian education.

With 12 parish workers active in the North Carolina Synod present, they listened to lectures on doctrine, educational meth ods and church vocations. One of the lecturers was Dr. Earl S Rudisill, secretary of adult education of the ULC Board o Parish Education. Part of the conference was a discussion o aids to education in nursery departmen and kindergarten for which college student had prepared posters and exhibits. The ranged from a rabbit family ready to mov into Noah's Ark to a blackboard illustratio of the first chapter of Genesis.



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Cedar Grove Church built parish house close to church

. . . and owns this modern bungalow-type parsonage

Two young missions, Holy Trinity in Reidsville and Good Shepherd in Hickory, began building $40,000 first units in April

The State

COLUMBIA, S. C., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1957 The State: South Carolina's Progressive Newspaper

PALMETTO SHORT STORY

CHARLESTON—(AP)—A new position has been created at the Charleston post office a substitute mailer whose mother's "full-time" job is the result of the recent closings of 11 mailer positions for sale by postmen here. Starting pay will be $1.92 an hour.

Seven More Arrested In Aiken Liquor Raids

SOUTH CAROLINIANS had to look twice. The Columb newspaper carried the headline of a successful liquor ra netting seven arrests and, flanking the story, the picture seven dignified clergymen.

A closer look at the paper's front page revealed that t position of the picture next to the featured story was pure coincidental. The ministers shown were leaders of the Sou Carolina Synod meeting in convention at Newberry Colleg

Southern Seminary Graduates Twenty-Three

By WYNNE C. BOLIEK

COLUMBIA — Twenty-three young men were graduated from Southern Seminary, Columbia, at the commencement service held in Ebenezer Church on May 22. The sermon to the graduating class was delivered by Dr. Henry H. Bagger, president of Philadelphia Theological Seminary.

In the words of Paul, he urged the young men to "take heed unto yourselves" and emphasized the importance of being men who are in "continuous fellowship with God" in their daily lives and service.

The alumni association elected the Rev. Olin Sink of Charlotte, N. C., as president. The address at the alumni luncheon was delivered by Dr. John L. Yost, president of the seminary. His speech referred to the opening of the $750,000 appeal to be promoted in 1959 on behalf of the seminary. Mrs. Leon Rivers of High Point, N. C., was elected president of the women's auxiliary.

A portrait of Dr. Walton H. Greever, former professor and executive secretary of the Lutheran Theological Seminary and retired secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, was presented to the seminary during the alumni meeting. The project was sponsored by the student body. Contributions came from numerous friend

PLANS for a two-week session of a gra uate school at Southern Seminary schedul in June has created considerable intere A good attendance is expected.

THE FIRST RETREAT for parish workers the South was held at Lutheridge assemb grounds May 21-22. Studies centered arou the theme, "The Educational Program of t Church."

Camp, Workshop Schedules Se

THE SECOND work camp sponsored by Luther League of South Carolina will be h June 24-26 at the Franke Home for the Ag in Charleston. Ten Leaguers will participa

A WORKSHOP on "Mental Health in Classroom" will be sponsored by the St Department of Education in co-operati with Newberry College on the campus J 8-26.

CONFIRMANDS in the Columbia area their pastors attended a confirmation r on April 7. The address was delivered Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz. The program sponsored by the synod parish educa committee.

astor Allen hands check to the Swindlers in what was once their home. They'll rebuild soon.

ENTRAL STATES

ictims of Tornado Disaster ound Church Ready to Help

Kansas City—A tornado roared through stern Kansas and western Missouri on ay 20 leaving behind a trail of disaster. mong the communities worst hit were a mber of towns southwest of Kansas City. ctions of Grandview, Hickman Mills and skin Heights were wiped out.

Among the first helpers on the scene was stor Harry R. Allen of St. Mark's Church, nsas City, Mo. He helped reunite fami- s scattered by the storm and organized immediate aid action. One family who t everything were members of his congre- tion: The Lowell Swindlers had just moved o their new home. It had no storm cellar. hen Mr. Swindler, a police lieutenant, re- ned to his house from duty, there was no use left, but his wife and son, even the ppy dog, were saved. They'll rebuild their use, partly with congregational help. This me it will have a basement.

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Good Shepherd mission in Norwalk, Connecticut, at organizational service last year

NEW ENGLAND

Norwalk Mission Observes First Anniversary

By HERBERT D. HRDLICKA

BRIDGEPORT—The only United Luther congregation on the southern shore of Co necticut between Bridgeport and the N York State line observed its first anniversa May 8. Good Shepherd Church was orga ized in April, 1956, at Norwalk with charter members and has experienced stea growth since then.

The congregation is building a parsona which will include a basement to be used t church school classes and nursery. Prese meeting place for the mission is the Bro River Chapel near the church's building si

Preacher for the first anniversary serv was Dr. Paul C. White, secretary of the N York and New England Synod.

Conference and Brotherhoo Elect Presidents and Office

OFFICERS elected at the conference c vention in St. John's Church, New Brita on May 5 were: President, Paul Reis Grace Church, Stratford; vice preside Stanley Knull, Reformation Church, N Britain; secretary, John Allan, Jr., St. Pa

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Church, Wethersfield; statistical secretary, Henry Tomsuden, First Church, Southington.

Dr. Frederick R. Knubel, president of the Synod, discussed matters on the agenda of the synodical convention. Dr. George Berkheimer, executive secretary of the ULCA Board of Pensions, spoke on the pensions plan.

THE CONFERENCE Brotherhood elected officers at its convention in Trinity Church, New Haven, on April 28. President is Edwin Freeman of Grace Church, Stratford. Other officers are Otto Kamens of Immanuel Church, Meriden; Donald Wolter of St. Paul's Church, Bridgeport; Eugene Falk of First Church, Southington; Karl Schultz of Immanuel, Meriden; and Pastor Albert Schilke of Good Shepherd Church, Norwalk, as chaplain.

The Rev. John Christ spoke at the Brotherhood banquet on "Lutheran Church Responsibility to the Negro Influx." He said that a church that moves away from its changing neighborhood denies Christ to others while a church that remains and puts a wall around itself shows a lack of love. Only a church that remains in its area and

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June 17-20
NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND: Zion Church, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

June 18-20
SLOVAK ZION: St. Peter-St. Paul's Church, Blue Island, Ill.

June 23-26
WESTERN CANADA: Trinity Church, Edmonton, Alta.

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SISTER MILDRED WINTER of the ULCA Board of Deaconesses and Dr. Paul A. Kirsch of the ULCA Board of American Missions addressed 350 Luther Leaguers at the Christian Vocation rally in St. Paul's Church, Bridgeport, May 5.

MEN from all Lutheran churches gathered for fellowship in Salem (Augustana) Church, Bridgeport, and heard an address by Dr. Paul Anderson of White Plains, N. Y., who was an interpreter for the delegation of the National Council of Churches to Russia in 1956 and is author of the book *The Church and State in Russia.*

THE STATE LUTHER LEAGUE will conduct a spiritual retreat on June 14 and 15 at the YMCA Outdoor Center in North Colebrook, Conn. The theme will be "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." Director is the Rev. John Allan of Wethersfield.

Topics will be "Why Pray?" by the Rev. Gordon Hohl of Rockville; "Pray for What" by the Rev. Rudolph Ludwig of Bridgeport and "How to Pray" by the Rev. Paul Reisch of Stratford.

BRIDGEPORT Lutheran churches will conduct a teachers' training school on May 13, 20, 27, and June 3. Four lectures will be given by Dr. Paul C. White.

FIRST CHURCH, Waterbury, celebrated the fifth anniversary in the new church building

with a service of thanksgiving on June 9. Dr. David G. Jaxheimer, assistant to the president of synod, was the speaker.

THE LUTHERAN CHORAL SOCIETY of Greater Boston presented Heinrich Schuetz's "Passion according to Saint Matthew" at University Lutheran Church on April 28. The society, directed by Eric Stokes, recruits its members from all Lutheran churches in the Boston area and includes representatives of all Lutheran bodies. It was founded in 1955.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Nashville Lutherans Occupy Positions of Leadership

By ROGER G. IMHOFF

NASHVILLE—Lutherans occupy important positions of Christian and civic responsibility in the Nashville area, according to Dr. I. W. Gernert, pastor of First Church. The list includes Miss Gladys Little, general secretary for the YWCA.

Others are the superintendent and the chaplain of the County Hospital, and the superintendent of the Jordinia (Penal) School for Boys.

In addition, former Governor Prentice Cooper has announced himself as candidate for the state's highest office in 1958.

LOUISVILLE Lutheran pastors re-elected Pastor Herman Andres as president of their Ministerial Association. Pastor John Herrlinger, St. Paul's Church, Shively, is secretary-treasurer succeeding Pastor Charles Irwin.

EUROPE-BOUND this summer will be Pastor Charles Irwin of Christ Church, Jeffersontown, Ky. Irwin is deputy wing chaplain for the local Civil Air Patrol. He will be in Germany for five weeks.

SYNOD UNITED CHURCHWOMEN heard two missionaries at their meeting in Fenner Memorial Church, Louisville, in May. Pastor Norman Nuding spoke of the many conversions at student centers in Japan. India Missionary Dr. Edith Eycamp explained the problems of an "indigenous" church, par-

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ticularly with reference to the now stro competition of Hinduism under Nehru.

NOTES: Camp Cavanaugh, near Louisvi will be the site of synod's summer sch (June 30) with Pastor John Evans, F Church, Louisville, as dean. The school last one week.

Louisville Luther Leaguers will charte bus to go to the national convention at La rence, Kansas, in August.

——CHANGES OF PASTORATE—

CENTRAL STATES

WACKER, ALEXANDER. From First Chur Potter, Neb. To Carthage College, ch lain.

SLICE, JOHN. From St. Paul's Church, A burn, Neb. To Trinity Church, Columb Neb.

HUNEKE, ARTHUR. From St. John's Chur Lanham, Neb. To St. Matthew's Chur Johnson, Neb.

SAAS, WILLIAM H. From Zion Church, Be dict, Neb. To St. John's Church, Sh Creek, Columbus, Neb.

FLORIDA

WILFRID, LYNN W. From St. Stephe Church, Tallahassee. To Jacksonville, m sion developer.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

HERRLINGER, JOHN H. Seminarian. To . Paul's Church, Shively, Ky.

LIESER, CHARLES. From Crowells and F churches, Shelbyville, Tenn. To Z Church, Franklin, Ky., supply pastor.

MICHIGAN

SCHAAR, HOWARD. From army chaplain. Southfield, mission developer.

VARSBERGS, VILIS. Seminarian. To Adri mission developer.

ERGMAN, T. ROBERT. From Good Shepherd Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. To Tecumseh, mission developer.

DUTZ, MARTIN F. Seminarian. To Walled Lake, Mich., mission developer.

ENNEBERGER, JAMES E. Seminarian. To Franklin, mission developer.

NEW JERSEY

APP, PAUL W. From Atonement Church, Asbury Park. To Grace Church, River Edge.

OHIO

ARNES, HERBERT S., SR. From St. Luke's Church, Mansfield. Retirement.

GGLE, DUDLEY. Seminarian. To Trotwood, Dayton. Board of American Missions.

IAFFER, M. DEAN. From Magnolia parish. Retirement.

HN, LEO N. From St. Michael's Church, Philadelphia, Pa. To Director of Lutheran Social Mission Society, Toledo.

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ISSER, FRANK. From associate pastor, St. John's (Windish) Church, Bethlehem. To pastor.

EARHART, ROBERT. From Lutheran campus pastor, Philadelphia area. Retirement.

HLITZER, CHARLES C. From St. John's Church, Columbia. To Zion Church, Northampton.

DECEASED

MRS. ANNA BALLENTINE, nee Der-k, 74, wife of the Rev. Arthur W. Ballen-e, died April 24 at Newberry, S. C.

Mrs. Ballentine was a native of Chapin, C.

The Rev. Mr. Ballentine is supply pastor Bethany Church, Newberry.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Ballen-e is survived by a son, the Rev. J. Luther llentine, Kannapolis, N. C.; and three ughters, Mrs. Evelyn Tate, Greenville, C.; Mrs. Pearl Barrier, Kannapolis, and s. Anna Margaret Joubert, Athens, Tenn.

Funeral services were conducted at Church the Redeemer, Newberry, April 26 by the v. Paul E. Monroe, Jr., Dr. R. A. Good-n, and Synod President Karl Kinard.

Burial was at Newberry.

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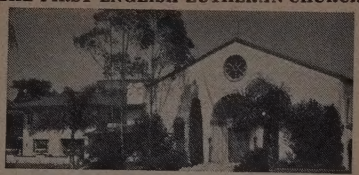

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IN CONCLUSION . . . . . .

IN MY travels I hear sermons preached in many churches in a great variety of places. I get bothered about the low quality of many of these sermons. They seem to wander away from the point, or to be out of range of the congregation's needs, or to be hopelessly dull.

Yet I know from my own experience how difficult it is to preach a good sermon—to say something terribly important, to say it well, and to hold the attention of a congregation until it is all said. To succeed in that three out of 10 times in the pulpit is as difficult as batting .300 in major-league baseball.

Great preaching requires genius. Most of us are just ordinary. (I wish we ordinary preachers would recognize our limitations, and not talk so long as to wear out the amazing patience of our people.)

And all of us should realize this essential fact: the church is organized in such a way that its preaching and teaching and all its other work can be done successfully by ordinary people. If the church had to depend on the flashing fire of an occasional genius, it would have failed long ago. There aren't enough such persons to supply the demand.

OUR LORD STARTED things out when he took a handful of fishermen and various other ordinary folk to be his apostles. A person of good average ability, who has been well trained, and who has a desire to work hard for his Master is likely to be a good minister or teacher in the church school.

Our congregations on Sunday mornings don't have to depend entirely on their preachers. We have our hymns and liturgy. They are eloquent in speaking God's word to us. The word of God is read each Sunday in the lessons for day. The cross on the altar preach great sermon.

We pastors should be recognized what we are: a very necessary grou trained leaders to guide the work the congregations, and that's all. churches should not expect the pas to do the thinking, praying, soul-sav even sometimes the money-raising the whole congregation.

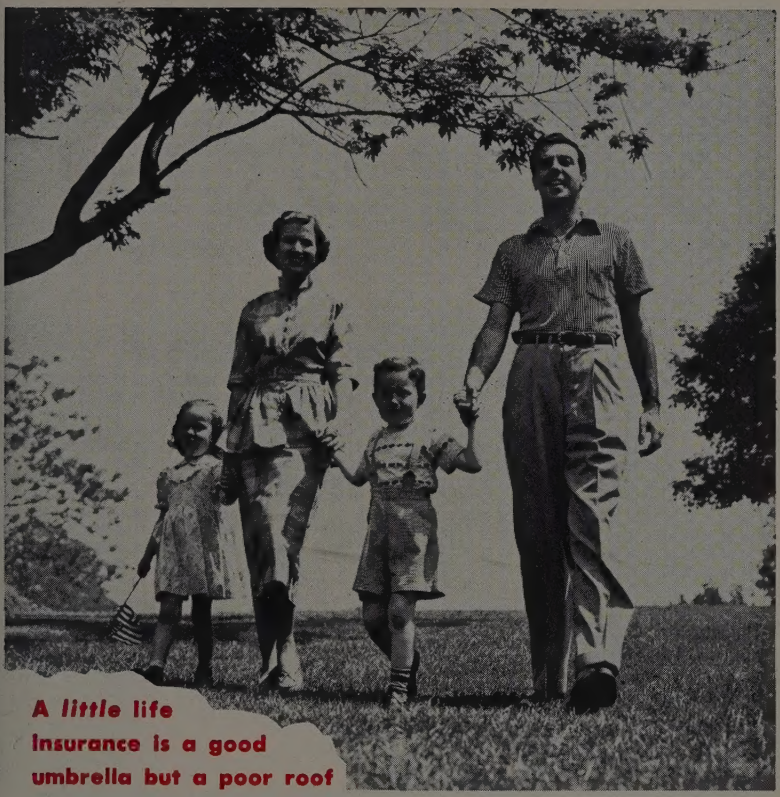
FORTUNATELY there has been in re years an awakening of the laymen of church. Some are getting serious al being Christian missionaries in their community. That must go far beyond effort merely to invite people to com church. It must include trying to others to understand the central Chris convictions.

Some laymen are learning the mea of money in the church's life—not me to pay local bills of the congregations as a strong instrument of Christian pr ganda in a world that needs it very m

Here and there a few laymen are ually studying theology, not content the ABCs of religion that they learne Sunday school. They will probably asking their pastors hard questions, expect answers in the Sunday mor sermons.

When that day comes we may sudd find that our pastors' preaching is proving. It's a stimulus to a preache know the people in the pews are wai for answers to real questions. A g sermon is really a conversation, in w the pastor tries to answer questions knows you are asking—or ought to asking. It can't be all one way.

—ELSON RU



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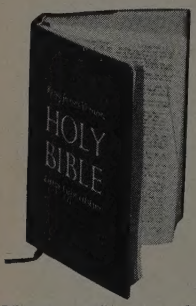

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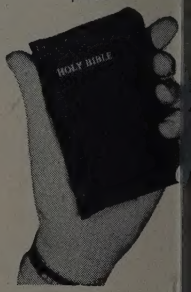

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